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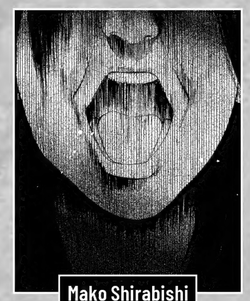
CHARACTERS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS

THE SHIRABISHI FAMILY

Rin Shirabishi

(Killed in the LL Murders)



Mako Shirabishi

Shoto Shirabishi

Yoko Hatanaka

(Killed in the LL Copycat Murder)

Killed

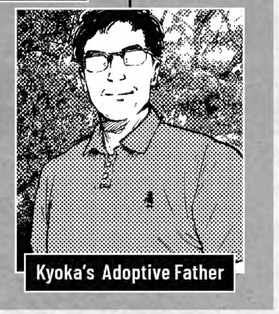
Parent and Child

THE YUKIMURA FAMILY

Kyoka Yukimura

Kyoka's Adoptive Mother

Adopted Family



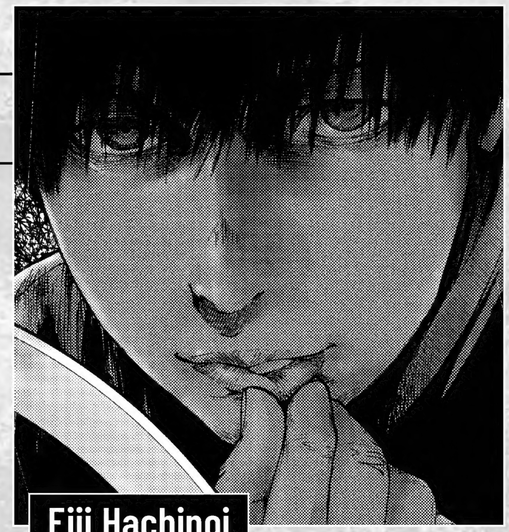
Kyoka's Adoptive Father

Dating (Cooperating)

Rei Shinmyoji

Cooperating

DISASSOCIATIVE IDENTITY DISORDER



Eiji Hachinoi

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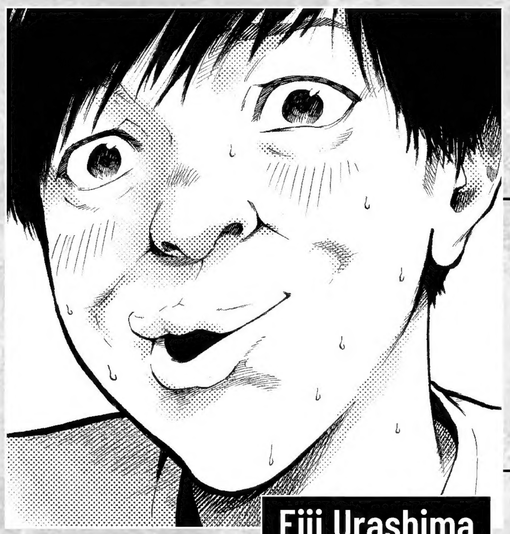


Eiji Urashima

Lovers

Close Friends

Kashiwagi

Parent and Child

Makoto Hachinoi

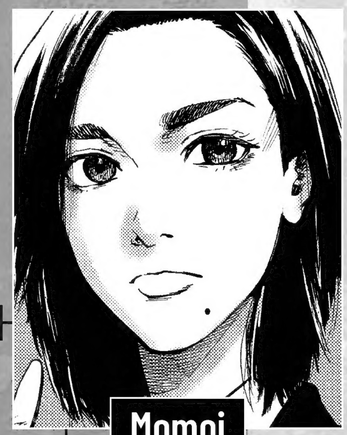
(The Apparent Killer in the LL Murders)

Killed

S PREFECTURE POLICE

Inukai

Subordinate



Momoi

Superior

Saruwatari

Probation Officer

THE URASHIMA FAMILY

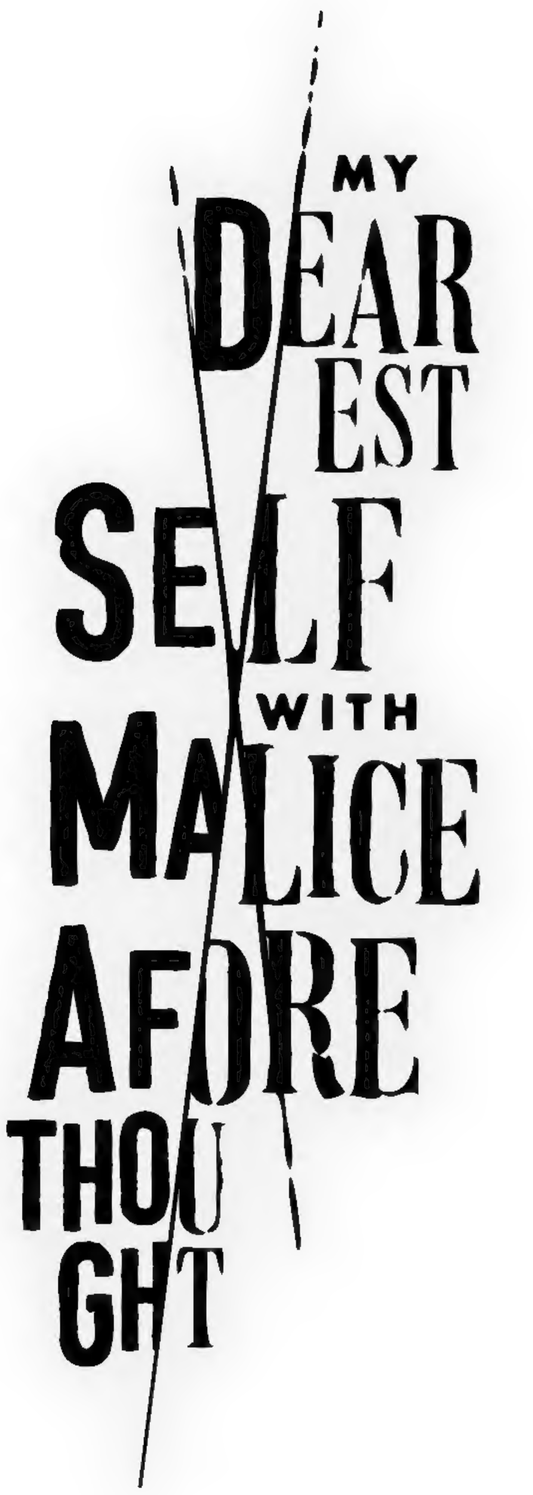
Adopted Family

Kiichi Urashima

Tamayo Urashima

Parent and Child

Oto Urashima



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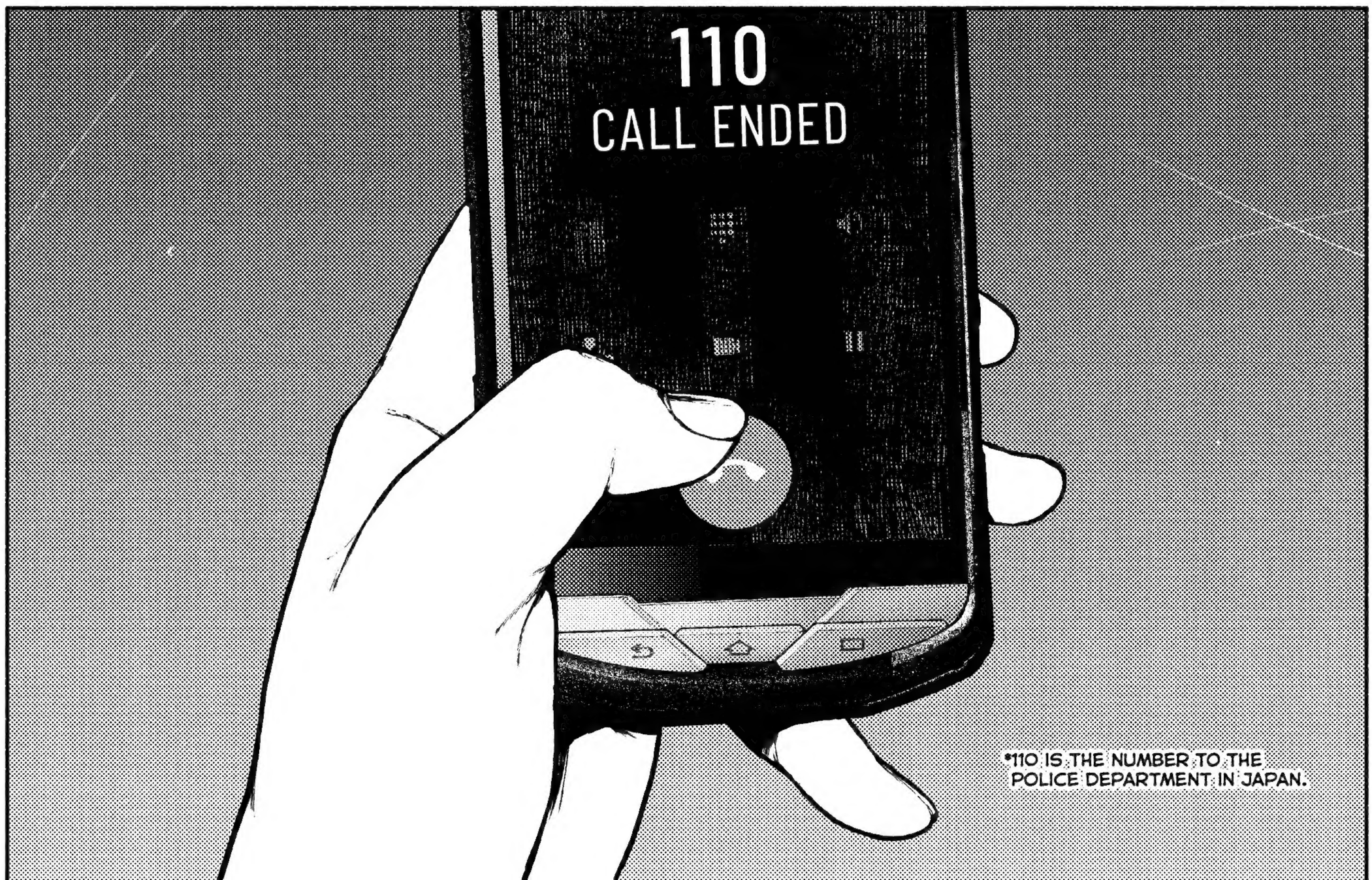

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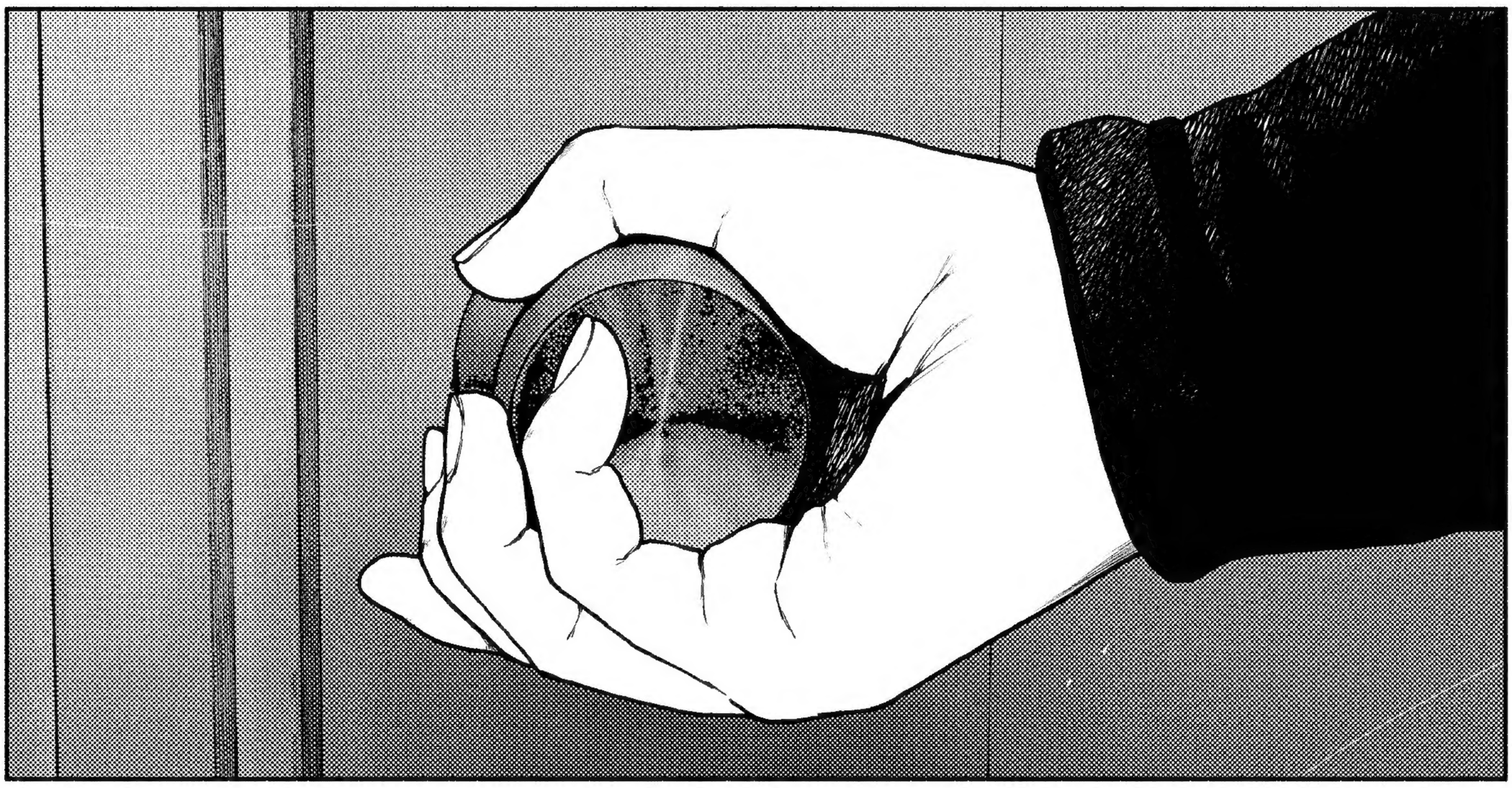

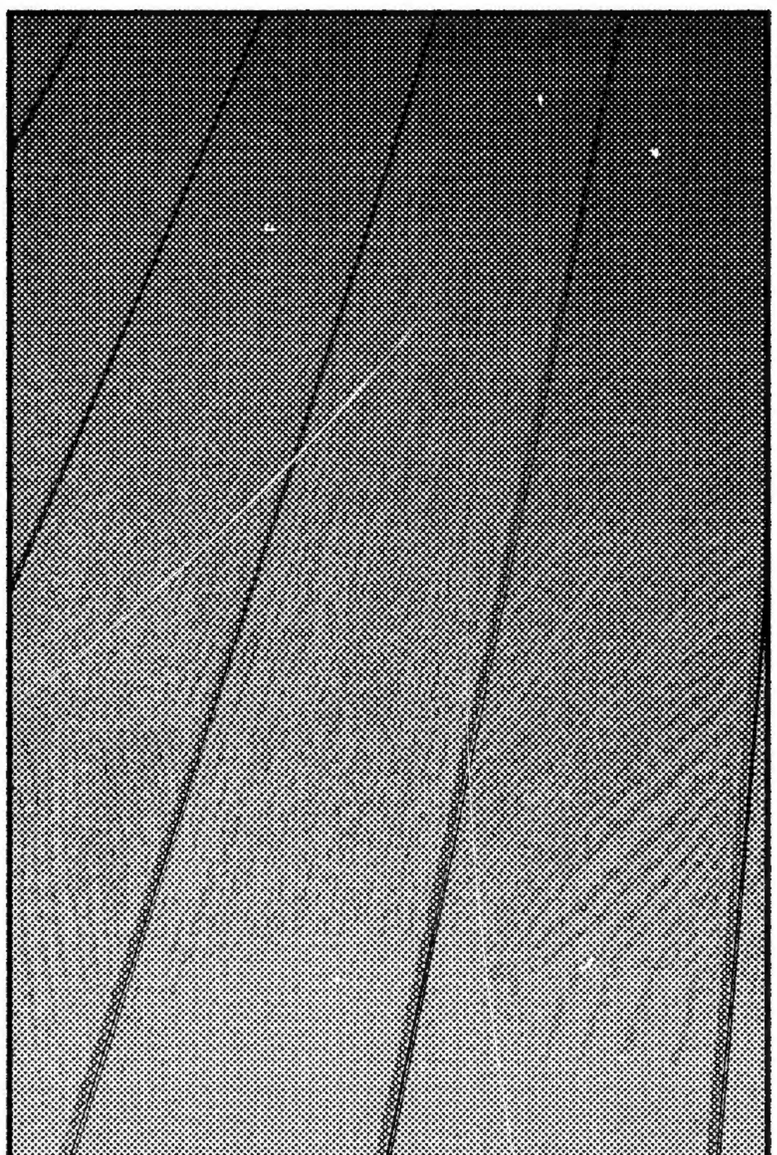

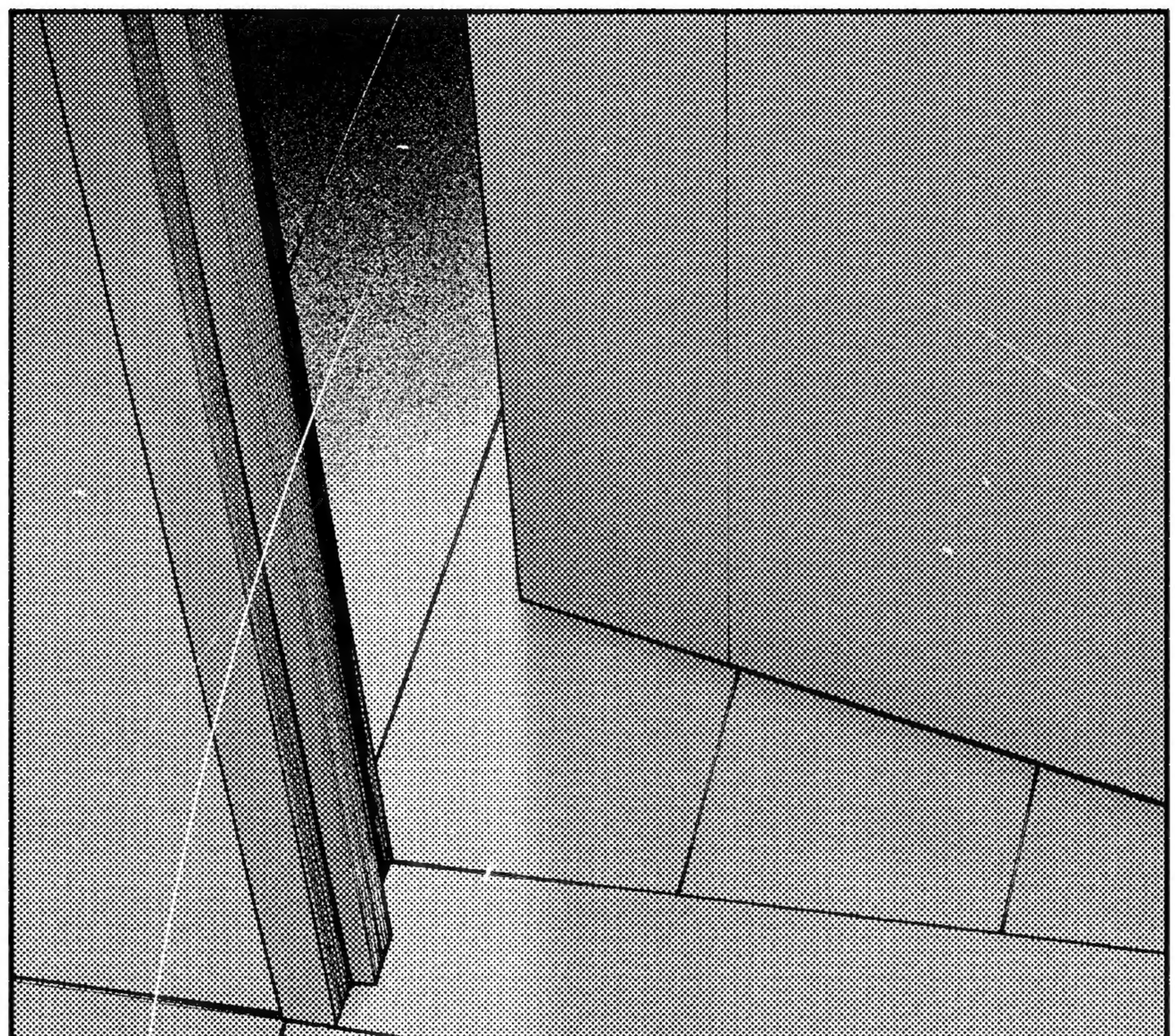

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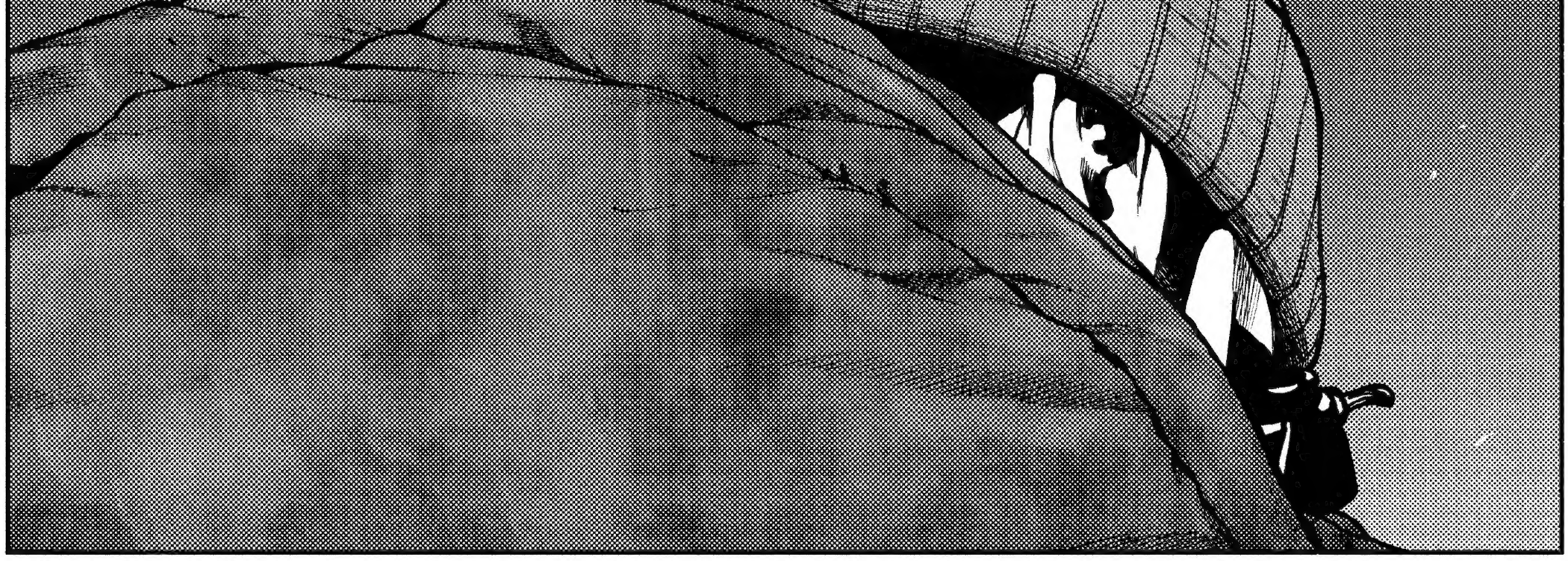
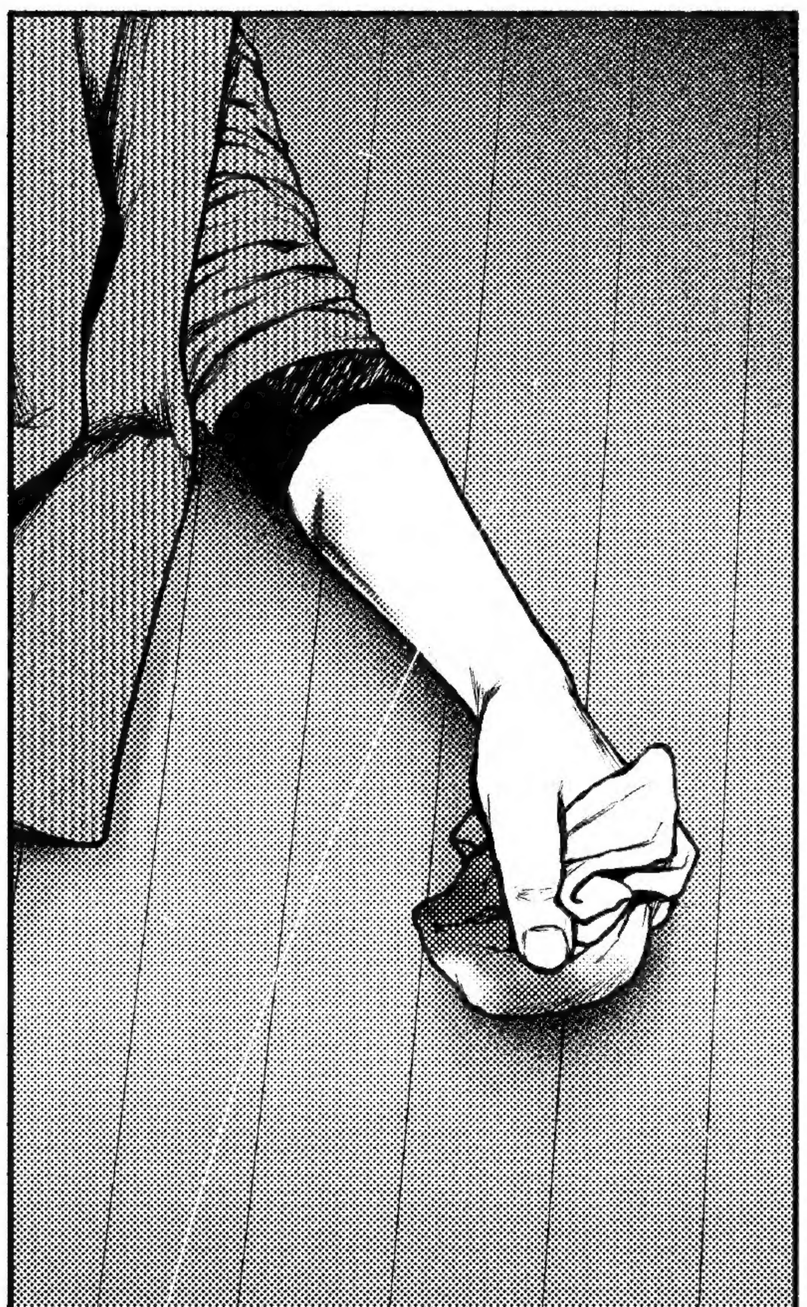
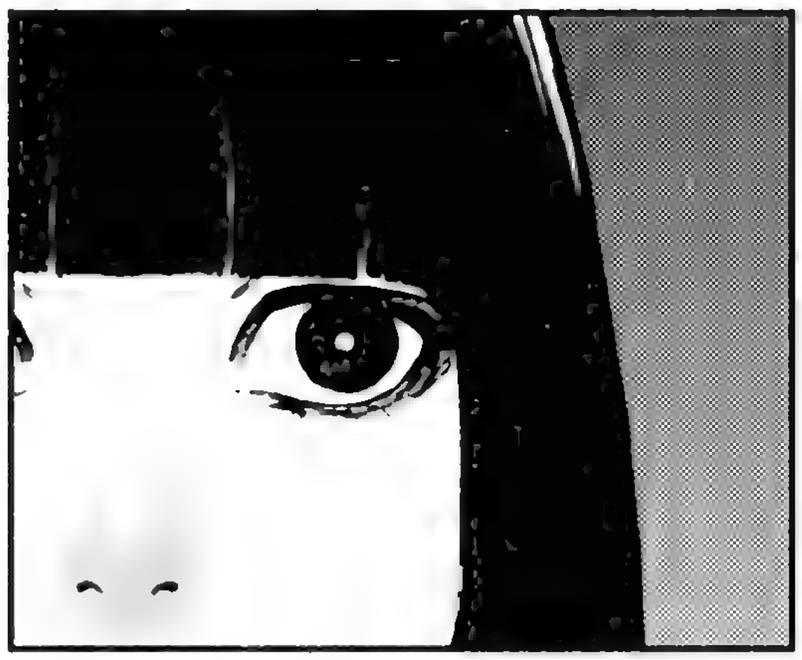
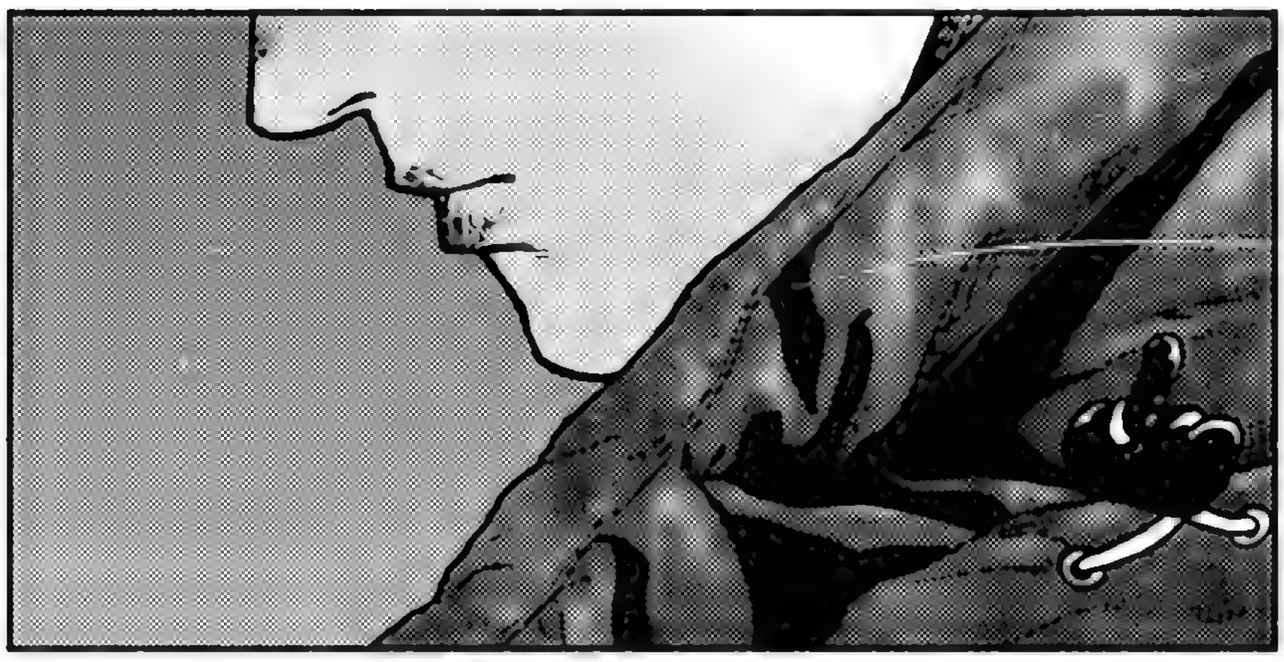




IS *THIS* YOUR ANSWER?





HOW...

ATROCIOUSLY DULL. WHAT A DISAPPOINTING ENDING THIS HAS BECOME...

KRASH

AAAAAAAAH!!

AH!

BA-

BAM

KO

WHAM

AAAAAAAAH!!

AH!

WHAM

THACK THACK

PAK

PAK

PAK

PAK

PAK

PAK

PAK

WHOM
WHOM
WHOM
WHOM

TAKE THE CELL PHONE FROM MY POCKET...

AND LOOK INSIDE IT.

OFFICER ...

THERE'S A RECORDING OF KIICHI URASHIMA'S CONFESSION...

TO BEING THE KILLER IN THE LL MURDERS FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

WHAT?!

PLEASE...

DON'T LET THAT MAN GET AWAY WITH HIS CRIMES.

Days ago, a nation-wide search was underway for the wanted suspect, Eiji Urashima.

Now onto the news.

For over a month, his whereabouts were unknown.

Urashima was last seen... last month on the 7th...

Just now, Urashima was taken into custody in S prefecture.

...in his family home in S prefecture.

But today, officials found and arrested Urashima...

At present,

the details of his arrest are...

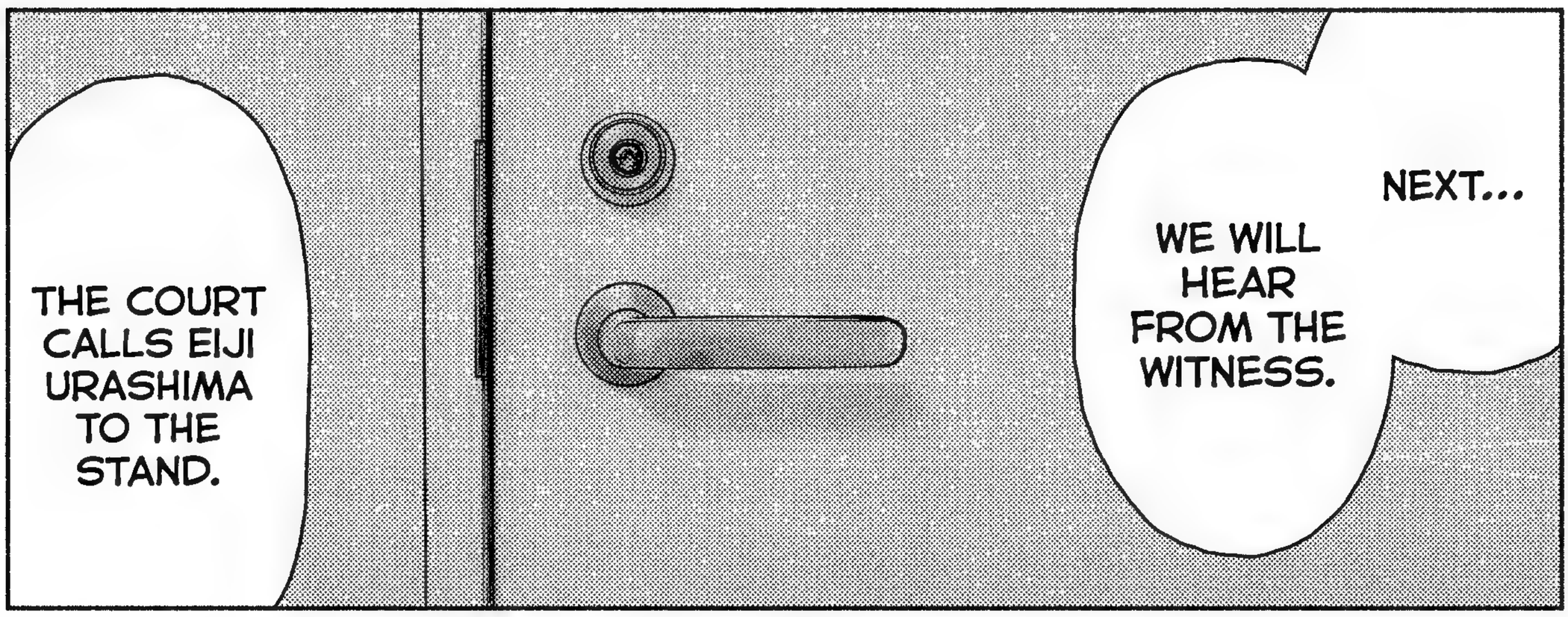
...

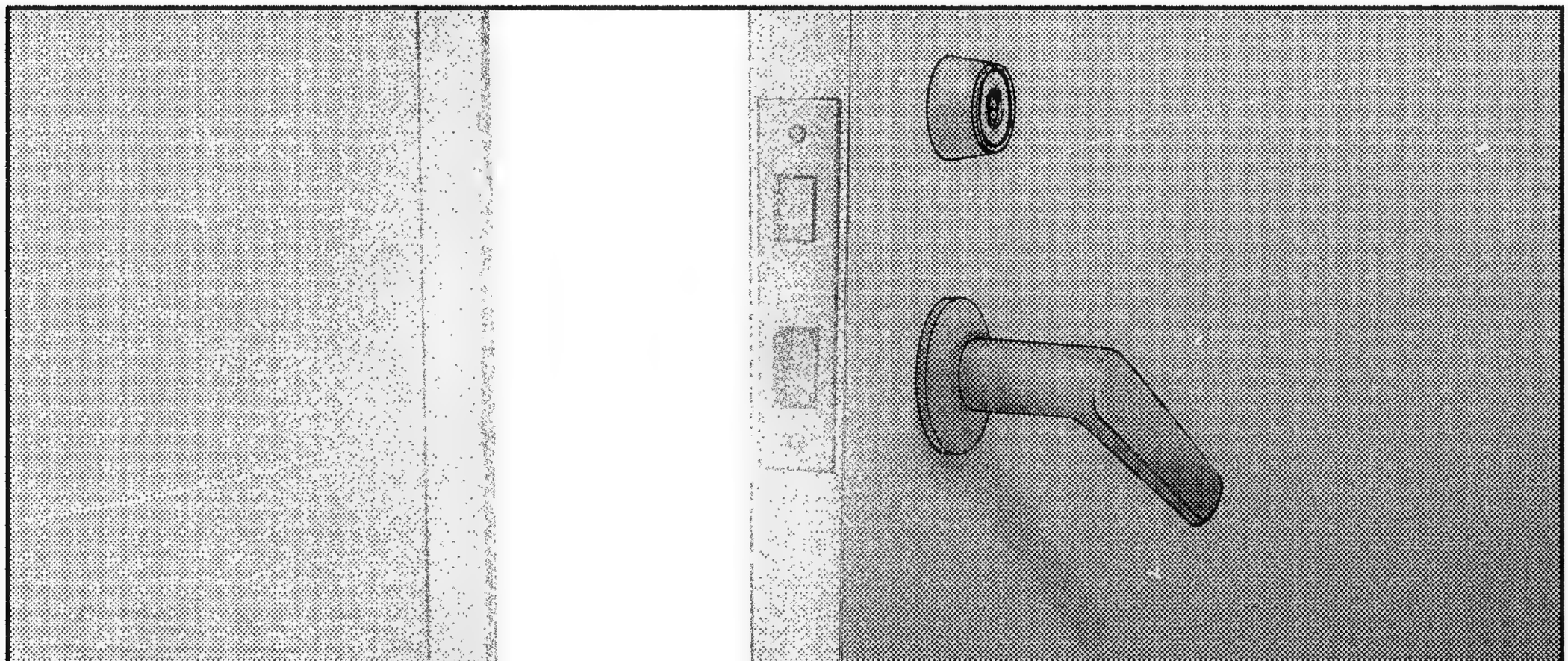
ONE YEAR LATER...

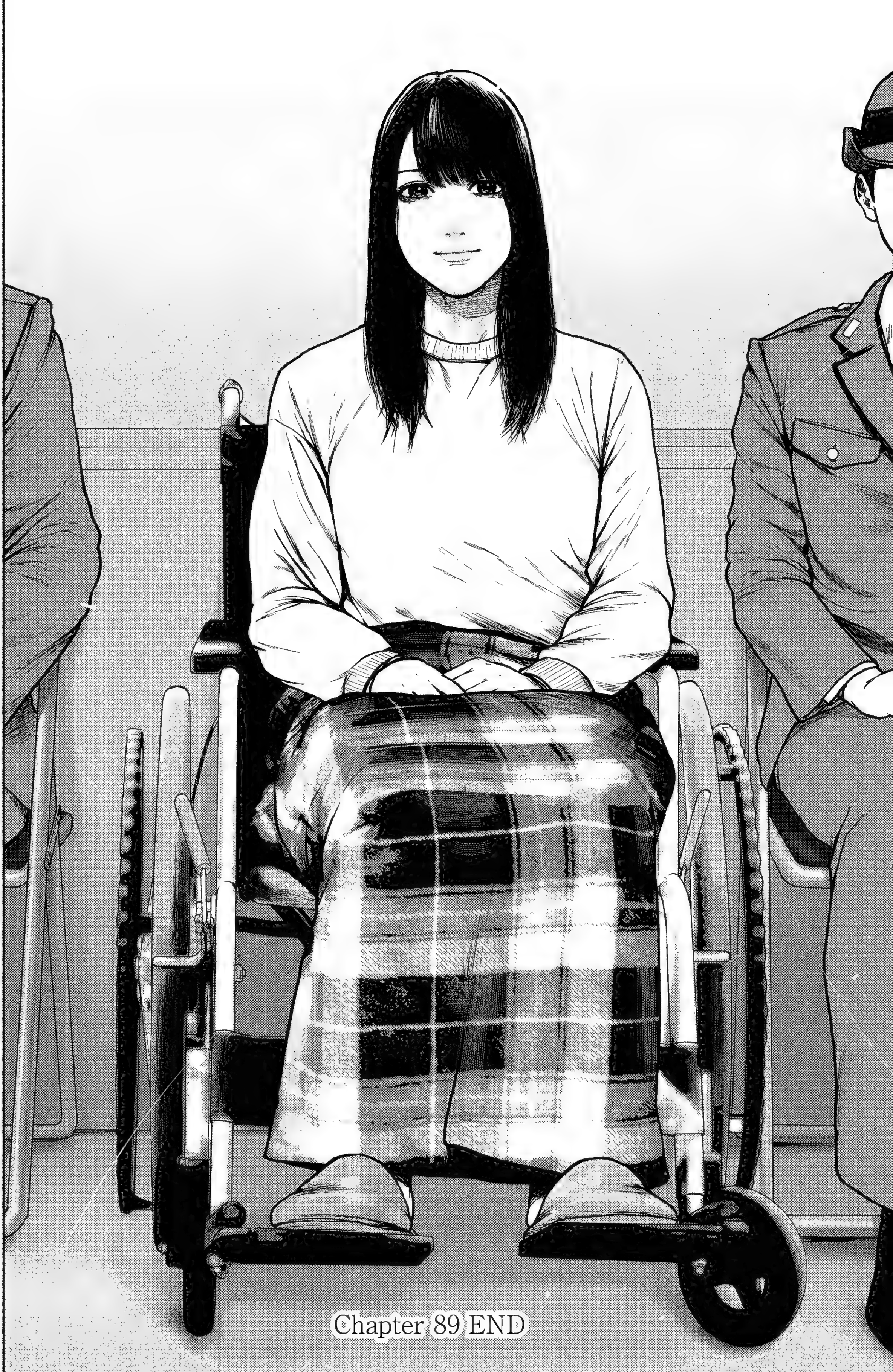
裁判所

CRIMINAL COURT

WAIT HERE.


THE COURT CALLS EIJI URASHIMA TO THE STAND.
NEXT...
WE WILL HEAR FROM THE WITNESS.





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Chapter 90

WE WILL NOW COMMENCE QUESTIONING OF THE WITNESS REGARDING THE CHARGES OF ***MURDER AND THE ABANDONMENT OF A CORPSE*** TOWARD THE ACCUSED, ***KYOKA YUKIMURA.***

LET'S BEGIN.

WITNESS, EIJI URA-SHIMA...

PLEASE PRESENT YOUR STATEMENT.

BEHIND *YOKO HATA-NAKA-SAN'S* MURDER.

IS TO EXPOSE KYOKA YUKIMURA AS THE MASTER-MIND...

I'M HERE ON THE WITNESS STAND TODAY...

THE REASON WHY...

I MUST TELL YOUR HONOR ABOUT *THE OTHER MURDER* THAT KYOKA YUKIMURA HAD COMMITTED.

BEFORE I GET TO THAT...

HOW-EVER...

OTHER MURDER?

YES.

MUTTER

"H"

"7"

SHE KILLED...

MY OTHER PERSONA... MY SPLIT PERSONALITY, *EIJI URASHIMA.*

MUTTER

MUTTER

MUTTER

MUTTER

LET'S...

KYOKA-CHAN...

GO TO THE POLICE...

TOGETH-ER...

I UNDER-STAND...

I'LL DO IT...

ON NOVEMBER 18TH...

KYOKA YUKIMURA *MURDERED* EIJI URASHIMA.

CREAK

THEN WE'LL NEVER GET THE WHOLE PICTURE OF THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT TRAN-SPIRED.

IF I DON'T REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY...

NOVEMBER 18TH...

THAT WAS THE DAY YOU LEAD ME TO THE TRUTH...!

REVEAL WHO THE REAL LL IS?

WHY WOULD YOU, IN THE LAST MOMENT...

AS A DEVOTED ADMIRER OF LL, WHY...

YOUR CONTRADICTIONS HAVE LEFT ME CONFUSED FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

THAT I...

IT'S BECAUSE YOU REVEALED THE TRUTH TO ME...

BUT...

WHAT'S MORE...

IF I REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 18TH...

THEN I TRUST THAT THE ACCUSED, KYOKA YUKIMURA...

I DIDN'T KILL THE REAL LL.

KIICHI URASHIMA...

WILL ADMIT TO THE ABHORRENT CRIME HERSELF.

EIJI URASHIMA, WHAT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 18TH?

NOVEMBER 11/18 金/FRI

EIJI-KUN...

I'LL DO IT...

I'LL KILL YOU THEN.

WHAT...?

I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN WITH B1-KUN ABOUT THIS...

BUT MY REAL OBJECTIVE...

IS TO FUSE YOUR PERSON-ALITIES.

...?

THAT WAY, I'LL FINALLY GET TO...

MEET HIM...

I WANT BOTH EIJI URA-SHIMA...

AND EIJI HACHINOI TO DIS-APPEAR.

THE MAN WHO EVEN LL HAS ACKNOWL-EDGED...

THE REAL EIJI-KUN.

TH...

THE MAN WHO LL...

ACKNOWL-EDGED...?

THE REAL MAN BEHIND THE TITLE, SERIAL KILLER LL...

IS ACTUALLY YOUR ADOPTIVE FATHER...

KIICHI URASHIMA.

WHAT?

THE PERSON WHO SAVED ME WASN'T ACTUALLY MAKOTO HACHINOI...

TO BE HONEST, WHEN I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH...

I WAS SO DISAPPOINTED.

YET, THE TRUTH IS, YOU WEREN'T ACTUALLY **RELATED** TO LL BY BLOOD.

I TRIED TO GET CLOSE TO YOU BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WERE LL'S SON...

HE'S ACTUALLY JUST YOUR ADOPTIVE FATHER...

INSTEAD...

KYOKA YUKIMURA...

WHY ARE YOU APPROACH-ING ME...?

WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?

NOVEMBER 11/17 木/THU

WANT TO THANK YOU.

I JUST...

Nothing, really.

I don't have any ulterior motive.

I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU...

FOR SAVING ME.

I'm grateful for your help.

It doesn't matter what anyone else says...

You're the one who saved me from my abusive family.

...

I'D LOVE TO MEET YOU IN-PERSON AND THANK YOU.

IF I COULD...

Did you approach Eiji because he's LL's son?

But to know Eiji Urashima isn't your real son...

is such a disap-pointment.

I DID.

BEFORE I KNEW IT WAS ACTUALLY YOU...

I ALWAYS THOUGHT EIJI WAS THE SON OF THE MAN WHO SAVED ME.

YOU'VE GOT ONE THING WRONG.

NOT QUITE...

I PRACTICALLY WENT THROUGH THE PAIN OF CHILDBIRTH...

TO CREATE THE MAN KNOWN AS EIJI.

"I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT EIJI AND I HAVE A CONNECTION...

THAT FAR SURPASSES THE CONNECTION OF BLOOD."

TO THINK THAT...

THE REAL LL...

WOULD ACKNOWL-EDGE YOU TO THAT DEGREE...

I KNEW IT.

ALL LONG, EIJI-KUN, YOU REALLY ARE MY MAN OF FATE.

I JUST KEEP FALLING FOR YOU, OVER AND OVER, EIJI-KUN.

Chapter 90 END

D—

DAD...
IS...

NO...

THAT'S...
NOT...

Chapter 91

AAAH!

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!

AAA-AAH!

AAAAAAAAH!

AAAAAAAAH!

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ME, HUH?

OR, IS IT THAT...

YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE ME?

ARE YOU GOING TO... BE JUST LIKE B1-KUN?

ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP AVERTING YOUR EYES FROM THE TRUTH TOO?

NEITHER OF YOU CAN COMMIT...

THAT'S WHY YOU TWO ENDED UP WITH HALF-ASSED PERSONAS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY.

I'LL RETURN YOU TO YOUR ORIGINAL PERSONA.

THAT WAY, THIS TIME...

YOU'LL FINALLY UNDER-STAND ME...

I WANT YOU TO CHANGE INTO MY IDEAL EIJI-KUN...

WHO WILL ACCEPT ALL OF ME.

...

DO YOU REMEMBER THE N MENTAL CLINIC?

HEY...

EIJI-KUN?

AND THE SAME CLINIC YOU FOLLOWED ME TO.

A PATIENT HERE.

ARE YOU HERE FOR YOU EXAM-INATION TODAY?

HE WAS HERE TO TREAT THE DISSO-CIATIVE IDENTITY DISOR-DER.

OH. YOU'RE EIJI URA-SHIMA-SAN, AREN'T YOU?

IT'S THE CLINIC THAT B1 WENT TO IN ORDER TO FIND A FIX FOR THE DISSOCIATIVE IDENTITY DISORDER...

SO THAT I COULD FIND A WAY TO FUSE YOUR PERSONAS.

BUT I FAKED HAVING DISSOCIATIVE IDENTITY DISORDER...

AS YOU KNOW, I'M ALSO A PATIENT THERE...

THE DOCTOR TOLD ME...

THAT'S WHEN...

NOVEMBER 11/01 火/TUE

A WAY TO FUSE YOUR PERSON-ALITIES?

WELL, THE FIRST STEP...

WOULD PROBABLY BE TO ALLOW YOUR DIFFERENT IDENTITIES TO **SPEAK WITH EACH OTHER.**

THERE MIGHT BE A REASON WHY EACH IDENTITY WAS BORN.

EVERY IDENTITY HAS THEIR OWN **ROLES** TO PLAY, YOU SEE.

SLOWLY, DIG UP ALL THE **HIDDEN MEMORIES** BETWEEN THE TWO IDENTITIES.

TAKE YOUR TIME TO SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY FACE YOUR HEART'S **TRAUMA** TOGETHER.

FIND THE REASON BEHIND THE DISORDER...

BUT YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL...

THAT IS THE IDEAL TREAT-MENT, OF COURSE.

IF YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR IDENTITY AND OVERCOME YOUR TRAUMA, THE IDENTITIES WILL SLOWLY BEGIN TO FUSE BACK INTO ONE.

WHEN THE OTHER IDENTITY DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THEY'RE A MADE-UP IDENTITY...

IN THOSE CASES...

JUST LIKE IN YOUR SITUATION...

AND YOU SLIP THE TRUTH TO THE OTHER PERSONA...

IF YOU TRY TO RUSH...

THAT OTHER PERSONA'S SELF-AWARENESS...

WILL SHATTER.

IF THAT HAPPENS, THE DISORDER WILL ONLY WORSEN.

AND IF WE'RE UNLUCKY...

THE SPLIT-IDENTITY ITSELF WILL DISAPPEAR.

THERE'S ALWAYS A RISK, YOU SEE.

THAT'S VERY USEFUL INFORMATION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL BE CAREFUL.

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU...

EIJI-KUN...

EIJI-KUN...

YOU WERE BORN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...

WHEN YOUR FATHER WAS ACCUSED OF BEING LL AND DIED...

AND YOUR MOTHER COMMITTED SUICIDE FROM GRIEF AND AGONY...

B1-KUN...EIJI HACHINOI...

WAS TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THE REALITY BEFORE HIM...

THROB

JEEWAH

SO HE CREATED YOU.

IN OTHER WORDS...

YOU ACTUALLY AREN'T A REAL HUMAN BEING.

THE YOUNG EIJI HACHINOI...

CREATED YOU SO HE COULD PUSH AWAY ALL OF THE TERRIBLE TRUTHS AND MEMORIES...

A PATHETIC, BROKEN FAKE.

YOU ARE BUT MERELY...

THUD

Chapter 91 END

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MUTTER

BUT THAT'S...

ざわ
MUTTER

SHE KILLED HIS SPLIT-PERSONALITY?

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MUTTER

ざわ
MUTTER

SHE'S COLD-BLOODED...

Chapter 92

ざわ
MUTTER

SILENCE!

SILENCE IN THE COURT!

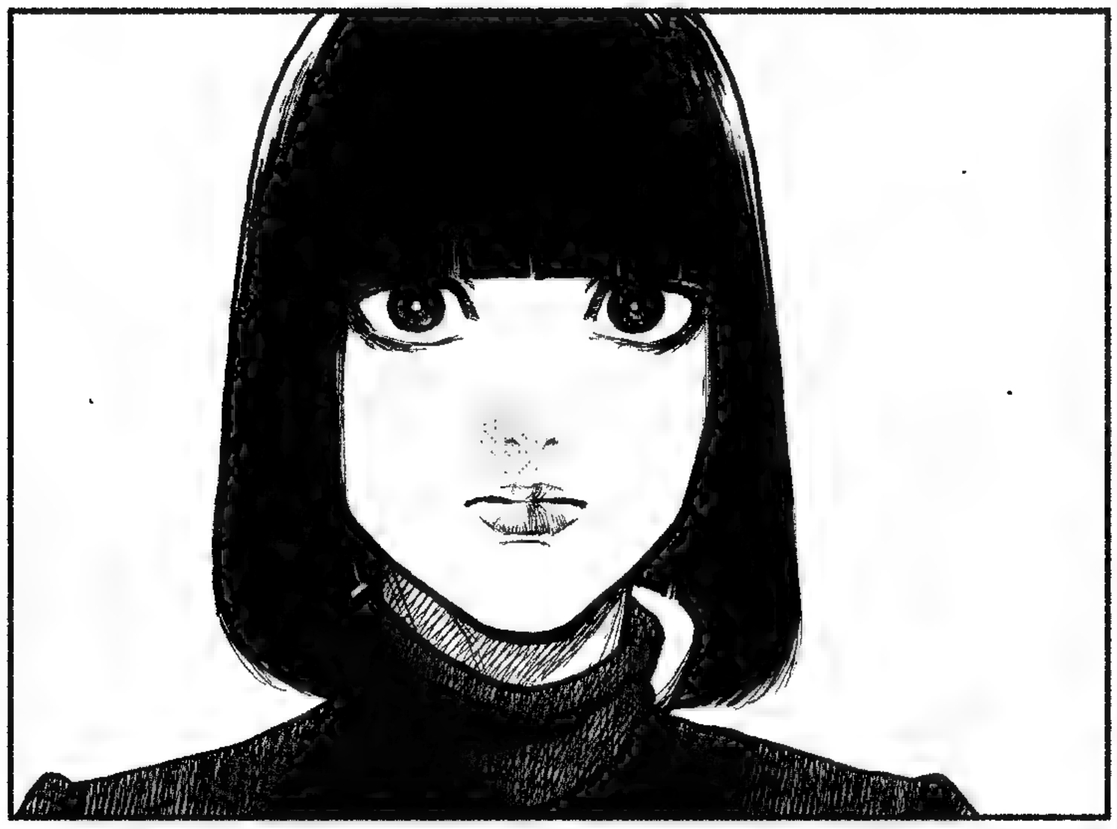
TAK

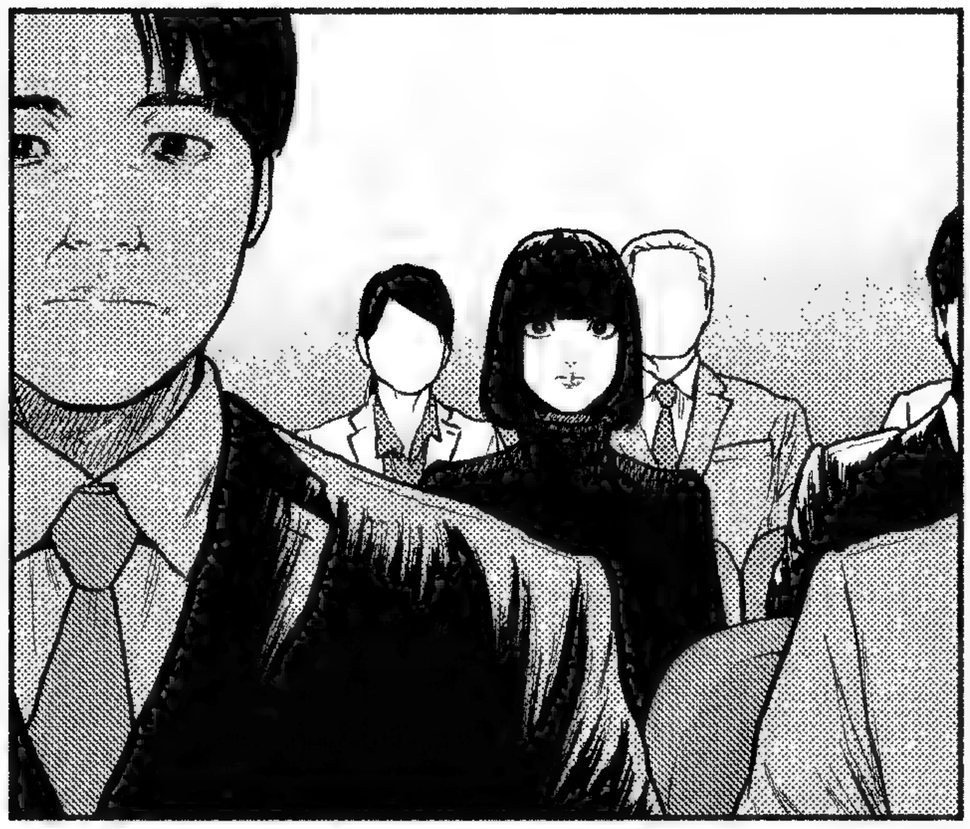
TAK

WE WILL CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE WITNESS, EIJI URASHIMA'S, STATEMENT ON ANOTHER DAY.

WE WILL SUSPEND THIS TRIAL FOR TODAY.

FOR THE NEXT TRIAL...





VISITATIONS

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

FOR THE WARM WELCOME.

WHY, THANKS...

YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HURT A GIRL...

GIVING ME THAT ATTITUDE AFTER ALL THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE I HAD TO GO THROUGH TO GATHER PROOF IN THE SHADOWS...

WHEN YOU WERE ON THE RUN.

KIICHI URA-SHIMA...

WAS PERSECUTED FOR KILLING SIX PEOPLE IN TOTAL, STARTING WITH RIN SHIRABISHI.

IT'S BEEN OVER FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE THE MURDERS TOOK PLACE. THERE REALLY SHOULDN'T BE ANY INCRIMINAT-ING EVIDENCE LEFT AT THIS POINT.

BUT KIICHI URASHIMA HAS ADMITTED TO ALL OF THE ALLEGATIONS...

AND THE POLICE INVESTIGATION HAS LED TO A PROPER PROSECUTION.

ABOUT THE MURDER OF YOUR FATHER, MAKOTO HACHINOI...

ALSO...

...

THE S PREFECTURE POLICE AREN'T GOING TO REOPEN THE CASE.

THE POLICE ARE PROBABLY TRYING TO AVOID DIGGING UP A MAJOR SCANDAL.

CLACK

WITH BOTH OF THE SUSPECTS, MOMOI AND SARU-WATARI...

NOW DEAD...

MOMOI LEFT YOU SOME PROOF...BUT I SUPPOSE THAT'S GONE TO WASTE NOW.

JUST BEFORE SHE DIED...

IS IN THE DNA REPORTS FROM FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...

IT'S LOCATED AT...

THE PROOF LINKING SARUWATARI-SAN TO THE DEATH OF MAKOTO HACHINOI...

MAKOTO HACHINOI WILL FINALLY BE PROVEN INNOCENT.

BUT...

FINALLY, AFTER A LONG FIFTEEN YEARS...

YOU DID IT.

YOU'VE SHOWN THE WORLD THAT YOUR FATHER WAS FALSELY ACCUSED.

BY THE WAY...

B1...

I LISTENED TO YOUR STATEMENT IN COURT.

BUT WHY WOULD YOU KNOW SOMETHING THAT ONLY EIJI WOULD KNOW?

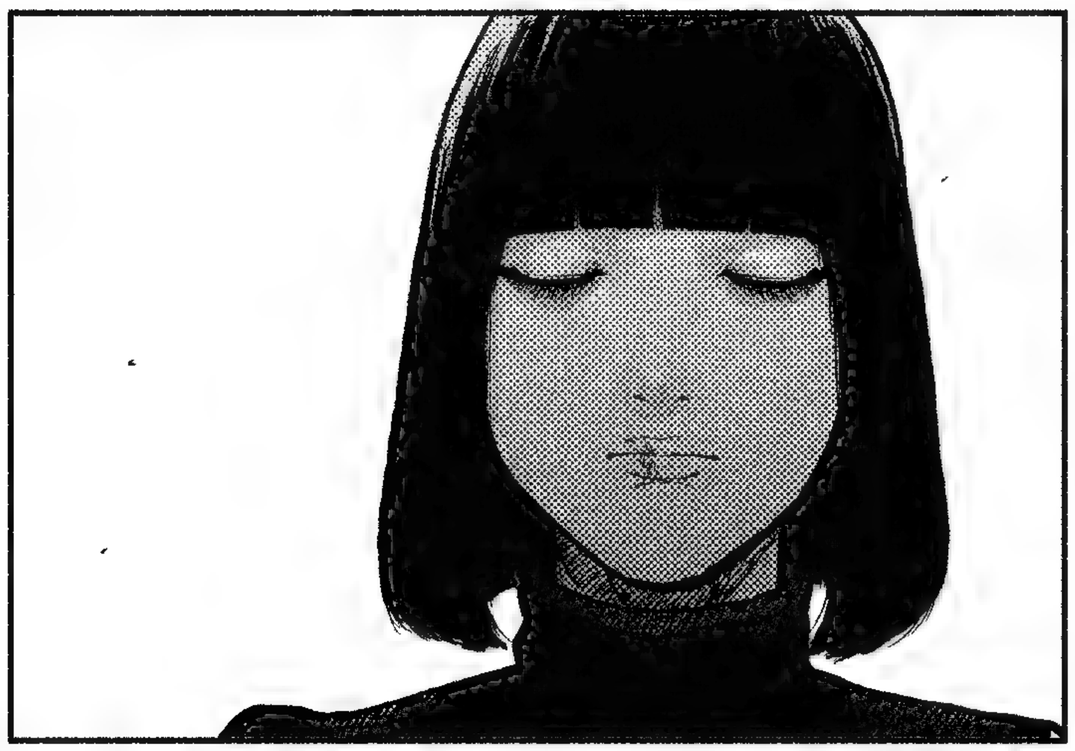
COULD IT BE THAT...

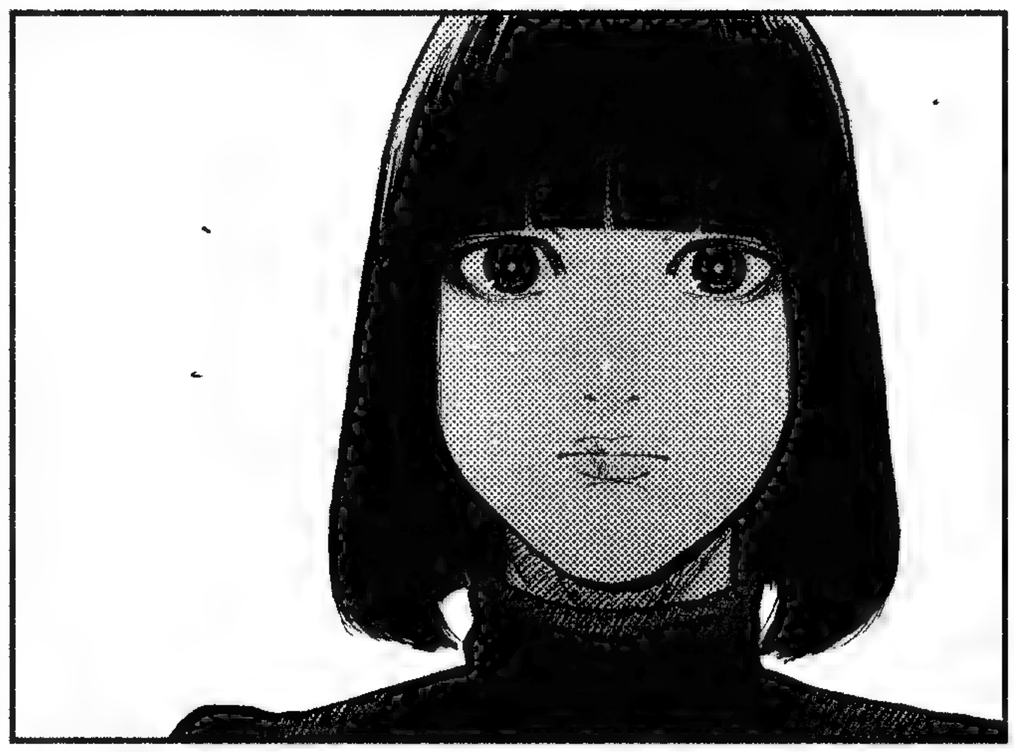
YOUR MEMORIES HAVE RETURNED?

THE MEMORIES... THAT ONCE BELONGED TO EIJI URASHIMA?

HAVE BEEN COMING BACK TO ME WITHIN THIS PAST YEAR.

FRAG-MENTS OF THEM...





THAT MUST MEAN...

EIJI REALLY IS...

IF EIJI'S MEMORIES...

ARE SURFACING FOR YOU, THEN...

I...
SEE.

...

I'VE STILL
GOT...

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tk
CLATTER

ONE LAST
PERSON
TO VISIT
TODAY.

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SQUEAK

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YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR.

KER-CHAK

キュル
SQUEAK

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キュル
SQUEAK

WHY...

HELLO THERE.

SHINMYOJI-SAN.

IT FEELS SO *WEIRD*, DON'T YOU THINK?

I'VE KNOWN YOU ***REALLY WELL*** FOR A LONG TIME NOW...

THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME WE'RE TALKING FACE-TO-FACE, WOULDN'T IT?

WHAP

THIS IS...

A LETTER WRITTEN FOR YOU BY *THE MAN YOU KILLED.*

DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?

THE DAY WHEN EIJI BROKE UP WITH YOU...

YOU WENT BACK TO EIJI'S APARTMENT...

TO LEAVE A LETTER FOR HIM.

FROM KYOKA

HE TOLD ME, IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HIM...

HE WANTED ME TO GIVE THIS REPLY LETTER TO *YOU.*

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF LIES YOU WROTE IN THERE...

BUT EIJI *TREASURED* THAT LETTER AND KEPT IT *SAFELY TUCKED AWAY.*

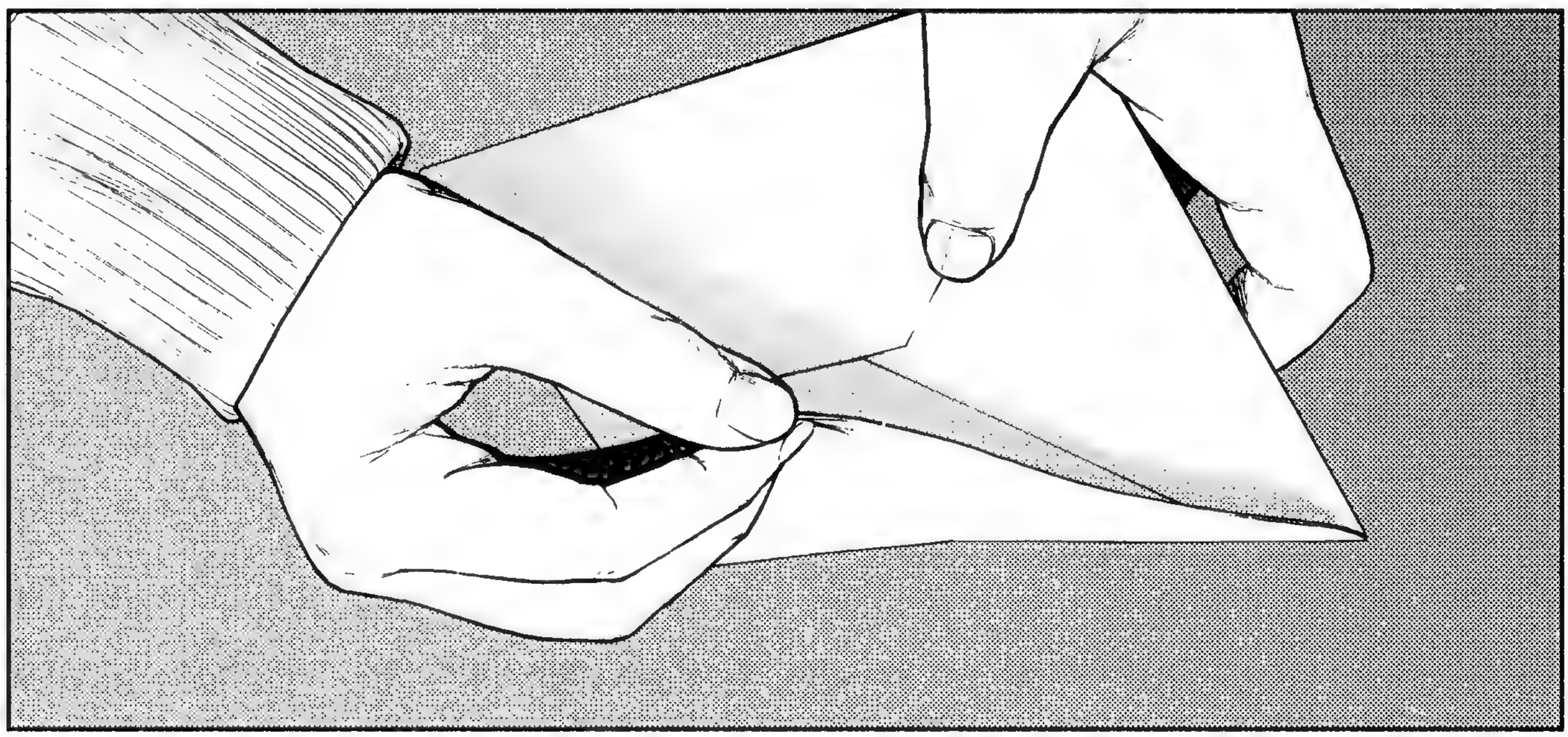
I'M HERE TO PASS THIS TO YOU...

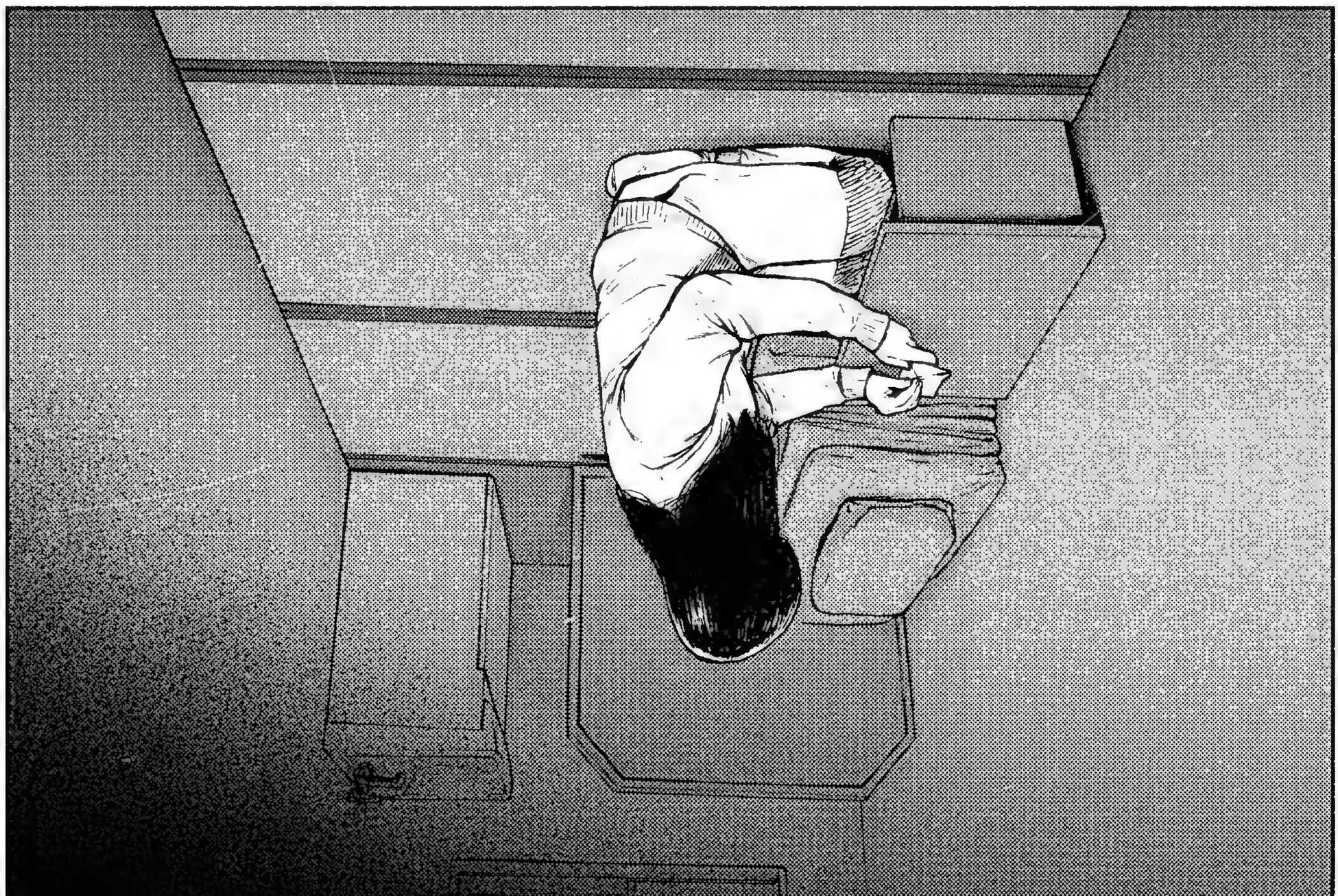
SINCE I PROMISED HIM.

THAT'S ALL.

KA-TANK

all said I sigh I can
I'm really
I'm really





To Kyoka-chan,

Thank you for your letter. I'm really happy to receive a letter from you even though I said all those terrible things to you. First off, I'm really sorry for breaking things off so one-sidedly without telling you anything. Everything I said were lies. I don't honestly think that. I'm doing something really dangerous right

SHRK

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though I sa
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To Kyoka-chan,

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telling you

the stuff I

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garbage life.

Chapter 92 END

MY
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COURT IS IN SESSION.

WE SHALL START WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THE WITNESS'S TESTIMONY.

THE COURT CALLS EIJI URASHIMA...

TO THE STAND.

Chapter 93

THEN, KYOKA YUKIMURA PUSHED EIJI URASHIMA INTO AN EMOTIONAL CORNER AND WIPED THAT PERSONA FROM YOUR BODY...

IN OTHER WORDS, HE WAS "MURDERED."

ON NOVEMBER 18TH...

THE ACCUSED, YUKIMURA, AND YOUR OTHER IDENTITY, EIJI URASHIMA, WERE BOTH IN YUKIMURA'S FAMILY HOME.

CORRECT?

IS THAT RECOUNT...

MORE?

BUT... THERE IS MORE TO THIS STORY.

YES.

EIJI URASHIMA...

DIDN'T DIE FROM THAT.

AND WHO IS THIS THIRD PARTY?

KYOKA YUKIMURA COULDN'T KILL EIJI URASHIMA WITH HER OWN HANDS ALONE.

SHE HAD TO *BORROW* SOME-ONE'S HELP...

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THAT WOULD BE EIJI URASHIMA HIMSELF.

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NOVEMBER 11/18 金/FRI

KYOKA-CHAN...

...CHAN...

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

...

EIJI-KUN.

YOU'RE STILL HERE? YOU HAVEN'T DIS-APPEARED YET?

HAVEN'T...

NOTICED...

YOU'RE... CONTRA-DICTING YOUR-SELF...

WITH... YOUR ACTIONS...

Y...

YOU...

HUH?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BECAUSE I WAS "LL'S SON."

YOU GOT CLOSE TO ME...

THAT'S WHY YOU WERE...SO ATTACHED TO ME...

TO... US...

THE SAVIOR... WHO RESCUED YOU FROM HELL...

THAT VERY LL...WAS SUPPOSEDLY MY DAD...

YUP.

YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. SO WHAT?

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS A MURDERER... THAT WAS ALL YOU HAD LEFT TO CLING TO...

I THINK... NO ONE CAN REALLY BLAME YOU FOR YOUR DEVOTION...

KNOWING YOUR STORY...

WHAT YOU DID ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN EVER BE FORGIVEN...

BUT...

THAT JUST PROVES HOW **IMPORTANT LL** IS TO YOU...YOUR DEVOTION TO **HIM MADE YOU** COMMIT THOSE ACTS.

DESPITE THAT...

YOU BETRAYED LL!!

?

...

IN THE LAST MOMENT...

YOU DID SOME-THING AGAINST LL'S OWN PLANS...

THAT I, EIJI URASHIMA, AND B1, EIJI HACHINOI...

WERE LIKE HIS OWN SONS, BIRTHED BY HIS OWN HANDS...

LL SAID IT HIMSELF, DIDN'T HE?

AND TRIED TO FUSE OUR PERSONAS TOGETHER FOR YOUR OWN SATISFACTION.

YOU IGNORED YOUR BELOVED LL'S WORDS...

LL CARES MOST ABOUT MY EXISTENCE, AND YOU...

YOU TRIED TO KILL ME!!

...

I...

I FINALLY KNOW WHAT YOUR REAL MOTIVE IS...

FINALLY UNDER-STAND NOW.

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YEAH...

THE ONE THING THAT YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED YOU WANTED MOST...

MY...

REAL MOTIVE?

AND BECAME SO ATTACHED TO US...

THE REASON WHY...

YOU APPROACHED US...

ISN'T BECAUSE WE WERE THE SONS OF LL...

IT'S BECAUSE...

ALL YOU REALLY WANTED...

WAS TO HAVE SOMEONE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.

YOU ONLY WANTED...

SOMEONE TO...

ACCEPT YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO FUSE US.

YOU THOUGHT... B1 AND I WERE PUSHING YOU AWAY.

REJECT YOU TOO.

YOU DECID-ED...

YOU COULDN'T BARE TO HAVE THE PERSON WHO LL ACKNOWLEDGES...

THAT'S WHY...

YOU TRIED TO ERASE US...

"I MIGHT FIND MYSELF ALONE AGAIN."

BUT IF THEY DO, YOU THOUGHT...

"EVEN LL MIGHT ABANDON ME."

WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING THAT YOU'RE BETRAYING LL'S INTENTIONS.

BUT...

WHAT REMAINS "DEEP INSIDE YOUR HEART" HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME.

YOU...

WERE ONLY CRAVING...

WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS A CONTRADICTION.

THE LOVE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

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Chapter 93 END

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Chapter 94

EIJI-KUN...

WHAT...

ARE YOU EVEN SAYING?

I...

WAS THE SAME.

I'VE NEVER...

HAD A PLACE
I TRULY
"BELONGED" IN
THIS WORLD...

THAT'S WHY...

I CAN UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS SO MUCH, IT ACTUALLY HURTS.

THE...

BUT...

DIFFERENCE IS...

I WAS SAVED WHEN I MET YOU.

DESPITE MY FUCKED-UP LIFE...

YOU GAVE ME THE ONE PLACE...

THAT I COULD TRULY BELONG.

EVEN IF THAT
WAS JUST A
MERE MIRAGE...

YOUR VERY
EXISTENCE WAS
MY SALVATION.

...

I WANT TO BE YOUR LIGHT...

TO SHINE A PATH FOR YOU IN YOUR DARKNESS.

I WANT TO DO THE SAME FOR YOU.

I'M REALLY DUMB, SO...

BUT...

I...

THE ONLY THING I CAN GIVE YOU...

IS MY FORGIVE-NESS.

IF MY DEATH IS WHAT YOU WANT...

EVEN IF NO ONE WILL FORGIVE YOU FOR YOUR CRIMES...

EVEN IF THE WHOLE WORLD TURNS AGAINST YOU...

THE ONLY THING I CAN GIVE YOU...

IS MY WORD THAT I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER.

IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT EVERY-THING YOU GAVE ME WAS A LIE.

THE ONLY THING I CAN GIVE YOU...

IS MY PROMISE THAT I'LL NEVER HATE YOU.

AND...

UMM...

AND... WHAT ELSE WAS THERE? UHH...

THEN THE ONLY THING I CAN GIVE YOU...

IS MY REASSUR-ANCE...

THAT I'LL GLADLY DIE FOR YOU.

SNIFF

I'M A MESS...

AAAH ...

SHIT...

I CAN'T EVEN...

DO ONE LAST... THING...

RIGHT...

EIJI-KUN?

EIJI...

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THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING.

I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU AT ALL.

EIJI-KUN? YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

YOU ERASED YOUR-SELF?

HUH?

EIJI-KUN? COME ON...

HEY, EIJI-KUN?

SHAKE

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DID YOU...
REALLY... DIE?

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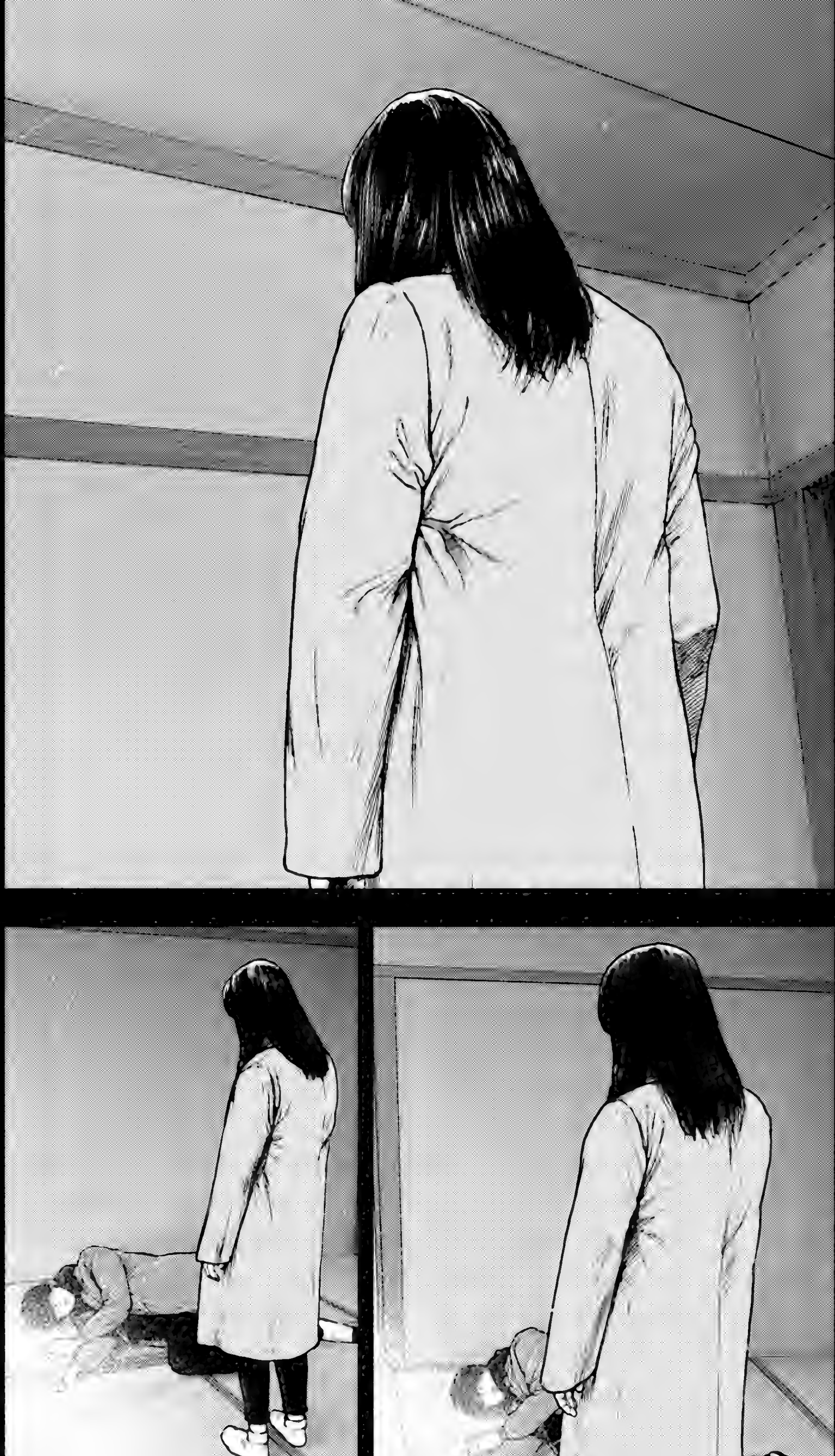

GOOD-BYE...

EIJI URASHIMA-KUN.

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Chapter 95

WOULD KYOKA YUKIMURA REPEATEDLY ATTEMPT...

WHY, JUST AFTER EIJI URASHIMA DIED...

WHO THE REAL CULPRIT IS?

SHALL I TELL YOU...

TO TELL ME LL'S REAL IDENTITY.

LL...

DO SOME-THING THAT WOULD THREATEN HIS SAFETY?

WHY WOULD KYOKA YUKIMURA, THE DEVOTED FANATIC OF THE SERIAL KILLER LL...

THAT'S... WHAT I THOUGHT.

THERE HAD TO BE SOME SORT OF *TRUTH* LYING BEHIND HER CONTRADICTORY ACTIONS.

THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HER TO CONTINUE LYING WHEN SHE WAS STARING DEATH IN THE FACE.

ALTHOUGH SHE HAS LIED MULTIPLE TIMES BEFORE...

THE REASON WHY YOU TRIED TO TELL ME LL'S REAL IDENTITY...

BUT NOW THAT I'VE RECEIVED *EIJI URASHIMA'S* MEMORIES...

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.

WAS FOR EIJI URASHIMA'S SAKE.

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YOU DISSECTED HIS WORDS IN A WAY THAT BENEFITTED YOURSELF.

YOU THOUGHT...

THAT'S WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID, RIGHT?

TO ERASE A PERSONA...

"YOU MUST UNDERSTAND AND OVERCOME THE TRAUMA THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE PERSONA IN THE FIRST PLACE."

REVENGE IS EVERY-THING TO B1.

B1 EXISTS TO HAVE HIS VENGEANCE.

SO WHAT IF B1 GETS WHAT HE WANTED?

ONCE THE LL MURDERS HAVE FINALLY BEEN RE-SOLVED...

WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?

THE REASON WHY *B1* WAS BORN...

WAS FOR *REVENGE.*

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS AN EMPTY BODY WITH NO MIND. SO, MAYBE...

B1 WILL LOSE HIS REASON TO EXIST AND HIS PERSONA WILL FADE.

JUST MAYBE, EIJI URASHIMA MIGHT EVENTUALLY COME BACK.

WHAT YOU WERE ***REALLY*** THINKING, WASN'T IT?

THAT'S...

YOU TRIED TO HELP ME GET MY REVENGE.

YOU TOLD ME WHO LL WAS.

THAT'S WHY...

...

EIJI URASHIMA'S DESPERATE ACTIONS MADE YOU BETRAY LL.

YOU, THE DEVOTED FANATIC OF THE SERIAL KILLER HIMSELF...

KILLED EIJI URASHIMA.

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

YOU WERE ACTUALLY ***SAVED BY HIM,*** WEREN'T YOU?

SINCE THAT DAY...

SINCE THAT VERY MOMENT...

ALL YOU REALLY WANTED...

WAS TO SEE EIJI URASHIMA AGAIN...

AM I RIGHT?

EIJI URASHIMA NEVER DID COME BACK.

BUT...

NO...

THAT'S NOT IT.

IS IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET *MY FULL* REVENGE?

IT'S SIMPLE. SOMEONE WHO HAS DIED CAN NEVER RETURN.

EIJI URASHIMA IS DEAD.

HE'LL NEVER COME BACK AGAIN.

AND THE PERSON WHO KILLED HIM...

IS YOU...

KYOKA YUKI-MURA!

HEH.

HA HA HA HA HA!

HEH HEH HEH...

HA HA HA HA HA!

HA HA HA HA!

HEH HEH HEH...

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IT'S AS IF...

YOU'VE LIVED YOUR WHOLE LIFE WITHOUT *FEELING* PAIN.

JUST LIKE...LL.

THAT WAS THE ONLY PATH YOU COULD TAKE TO ESCAPE YOUR REALITY.

YOU'VE *GIVEN UP ON PAIN.*

THE CAUSE IS PROBABLY YOUR CRUEL UP-BRINGING.

BUT...

JUST NOW, THIS IS...

THE *PAIN* OF LOSING SOMEONE IMPORTANT.

EIJI URASHIMA...

HE MANAGED TO BRING THAT BACK TO YOU.

AAAH...

Chapter 95 END

MY
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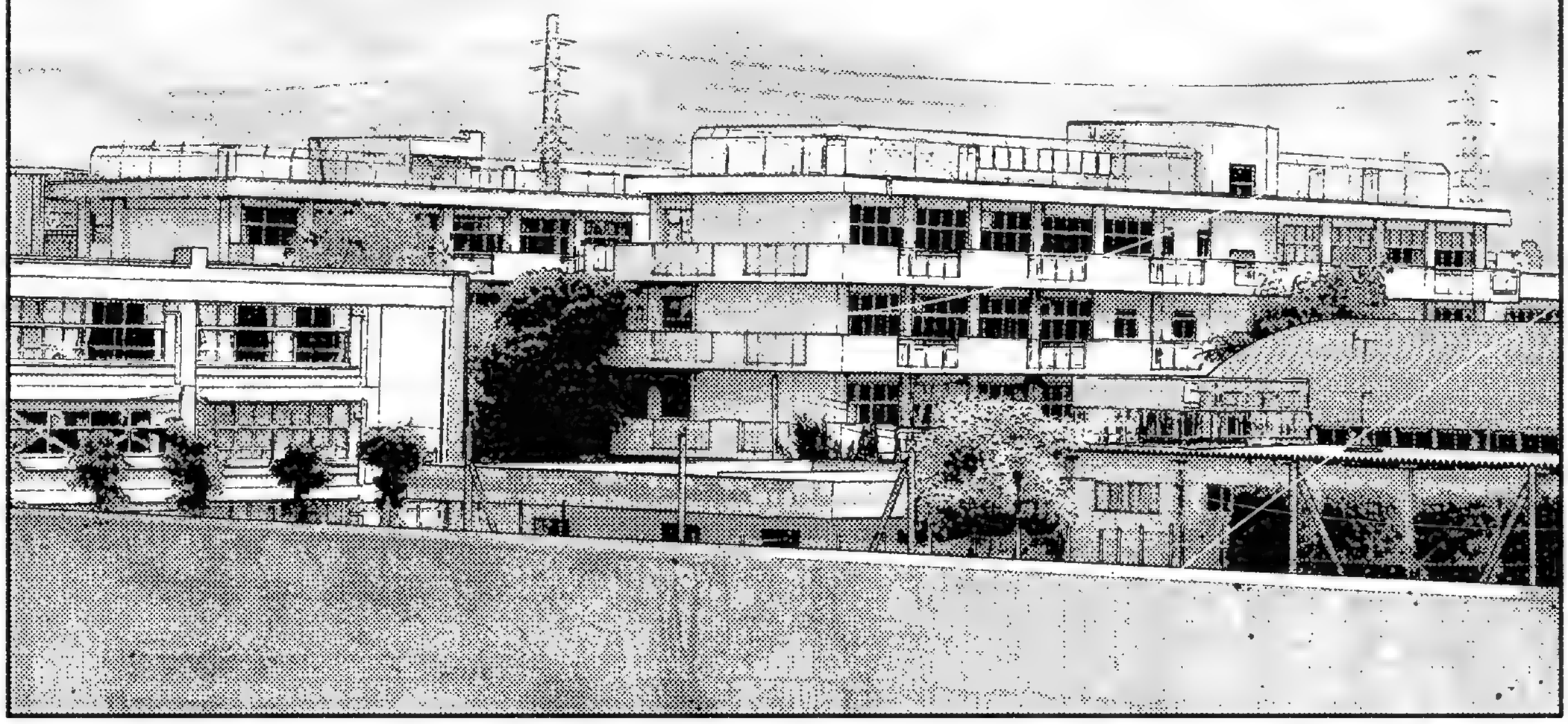

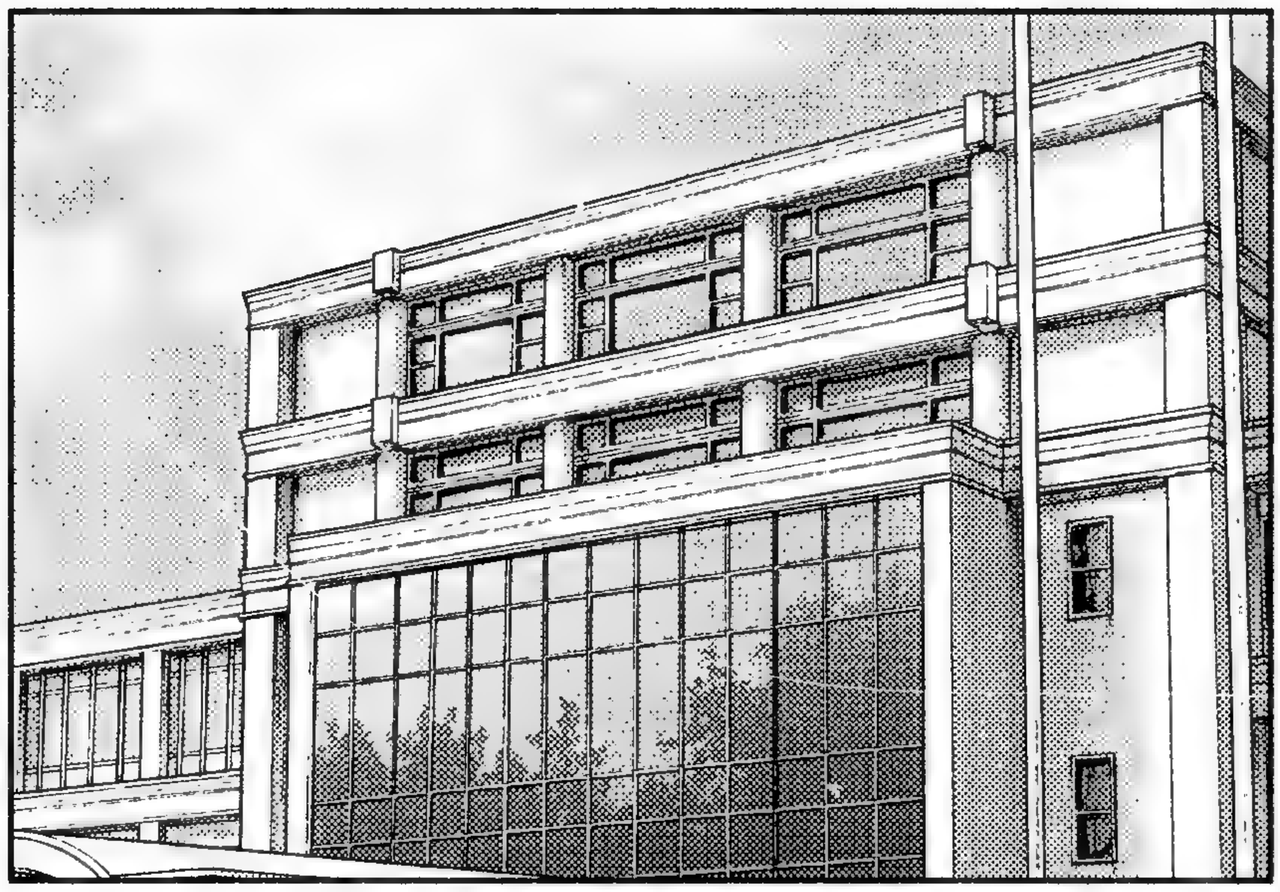

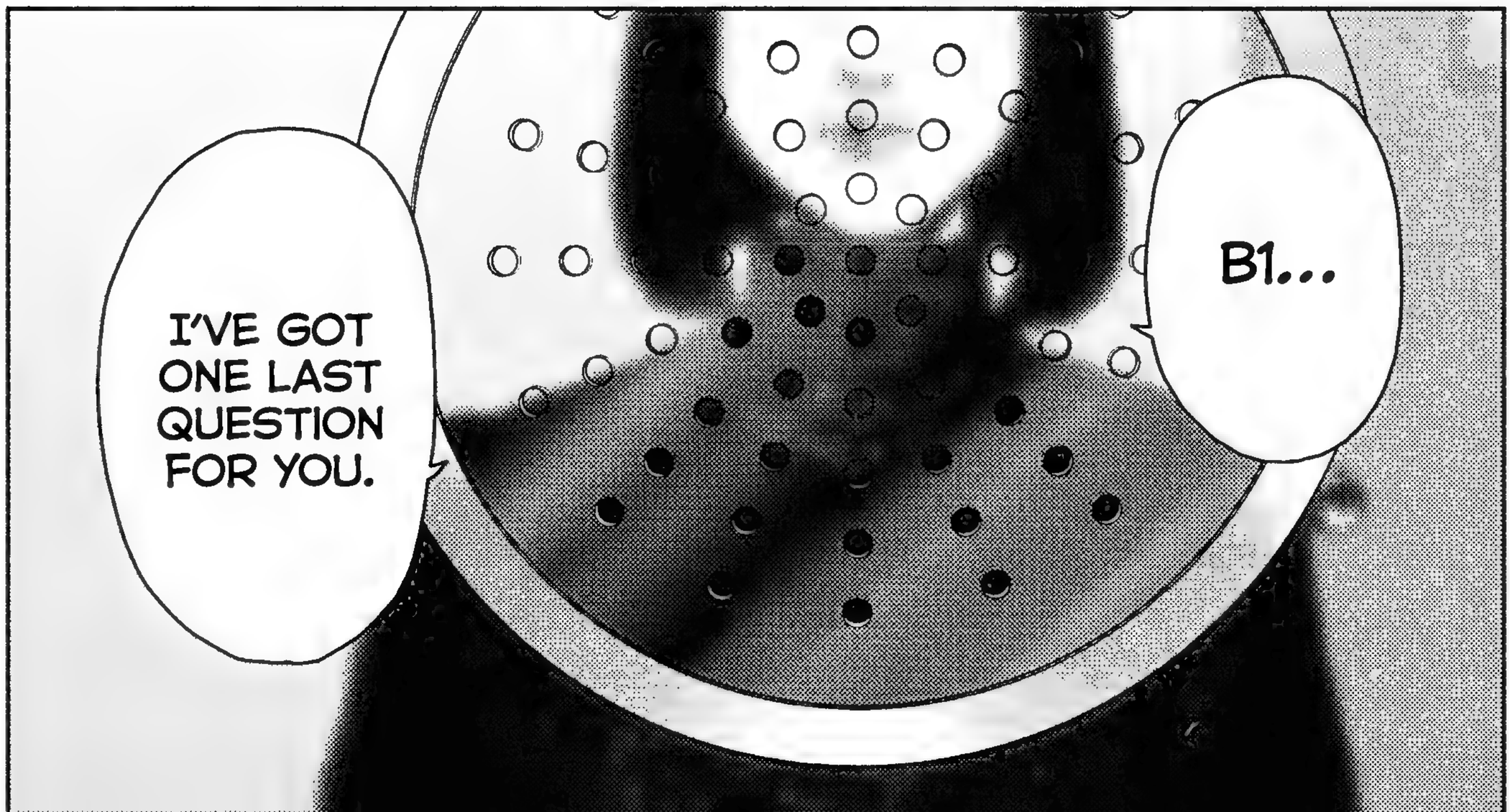

WHY...

DIDN'T YOU KILL KIICHI URASHIMA?

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I...DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM...

HE...WAS "EMPTY" SINCE HE WAS BORN...

OR AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO FILL HIS VOID, HE BEGAN TO KILL.

WILL BE THE TRUTH OF THIS WORLD, OVERFLOWING WITH FRAUD AND DECEPTION.

THAT'S WHEN I CAME UP WITH THE PERFECT IDEA.

HE COMMENCED WITH THE LL MURDERS IN ORDER TO SCATTER HIS EMPTINESS.

TO SCATTER MY VOID...

ACROSS THE WHOLE WORLD.

SINCE HIS BIRTH, HE NEVER HAD A PLACE TO BELONG TO IN SOCIETY...

HE FELT LIKE HE WAS BEING CHASED OUT BY THE WORLD ITSELF.

IT HONESTLY JUST SOUNDED LIKE THAT WAS HIS MEANS OF SEEKING HIS OWN ***REVENGE.***

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S VENGEANCE AGAINST BEING FORCED TO LIVE WITH HIS CONDITION.

HE WANTED VENGEANCE AGAINST BEING BORN EMPTY.

I WAS SIMILAR...

AGAINST THE SERIAL KILLER WHO RUINED MY LIFE...

I WANTED *REVENGE* THE WHOLE TIME...

AND AGAINST SOCIETY, WHICH HAD BEEN MALICIOUS TO ME.

I HATED *EVERYTHING* THAT BARED ITS FANGS AGAINST ME.

I FOUGHT *MALICE* WITH EVEN MORE *MALICE.*

JUST LIKE... KIICHI URASHIMA...

...

ABOUT HIS ORIGINS.

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...

WHERE DID *HIS MALICE* COME FROM...?

WAS JUST LIKE ME...?

MAYBE HE WAS BORN FROM THE MALICE SHOWERED ON HIM BY HIS SUR-ROUNDINGS.

JUST MAYBE...

THIS MAN, WHO'S LIKE THE VERY MANIFES-TATION OF MALICE ITSELF...

MALICE.
BEGETS
MALICE.

THE
CHAINS OF
HATRED
WILL ONLY
CONTINUE...

AND IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE...

THEN
KILLING
HIM
NOW...

MIGHT
ONLY BIRTH
EVEN *MORE*
MALICE
SOMEWHERE
ELSE IN THE
WORLD.

MAYBE
JUST LIKE
ME...

THIS
KILLER
SITTING
IN FRONT
OF ME...

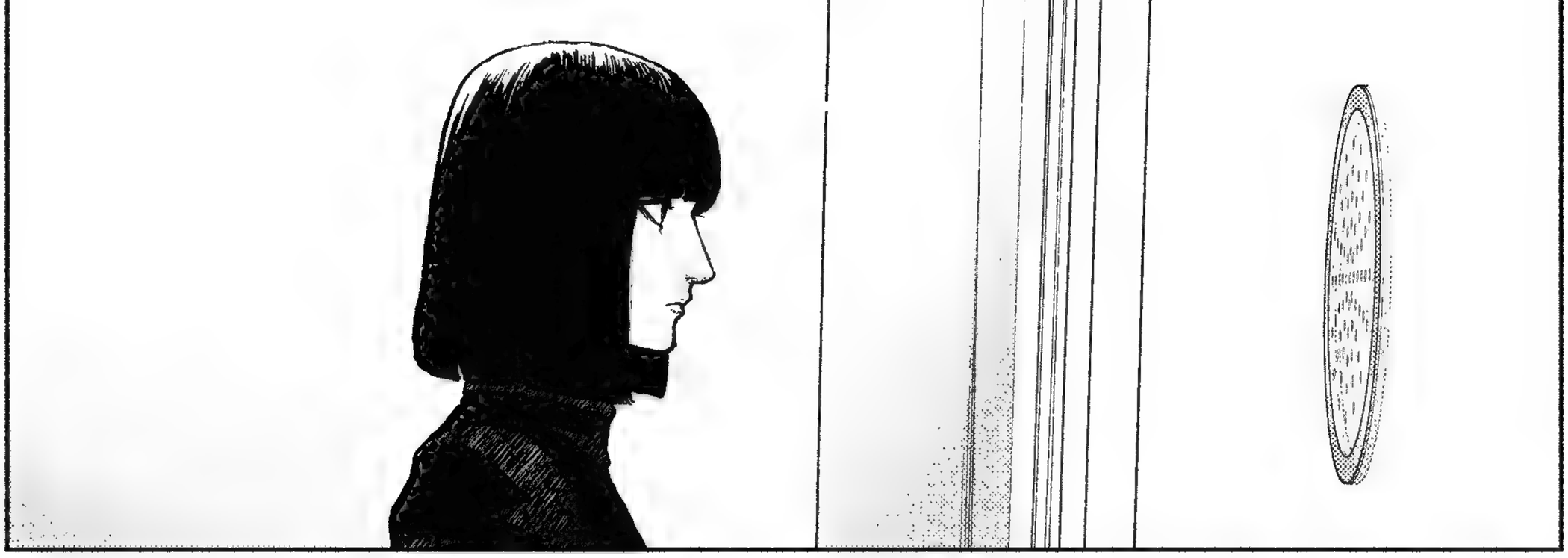
HAD
DROPPED
A PEBBLE
SOMEWHERE
ALONG THE
ROAD OF HIS
LIFE WHEN
HE STRAYED
FROM HIS
PATH...

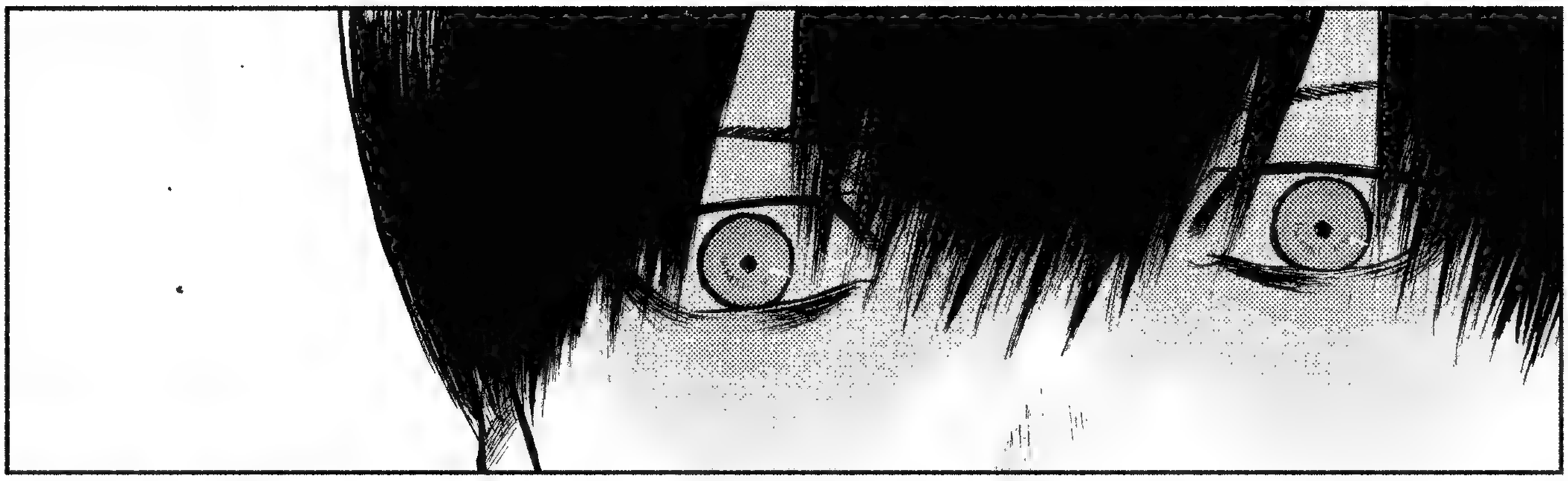
WHICH
BEGAN
TO ROLL
DOWNHILL
AND RUN
OUT OF
CONTROL.

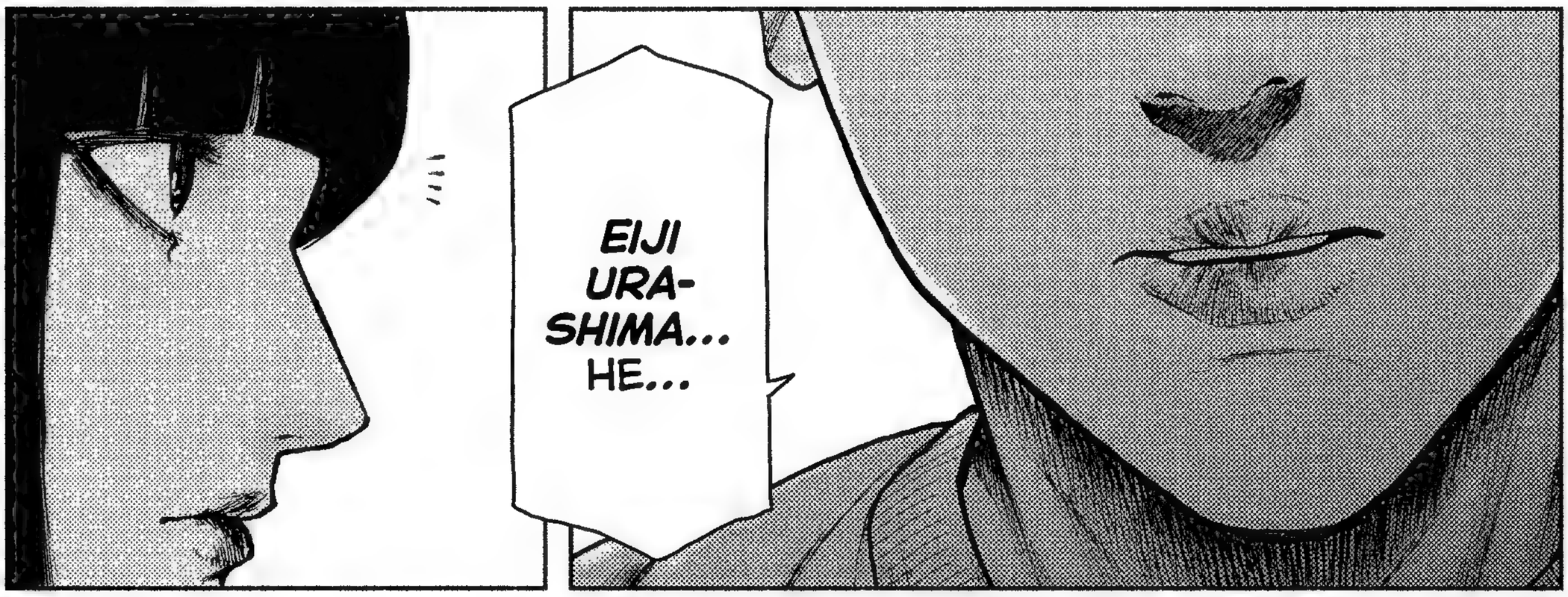
THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT KIICHI URASHIMA WANTED.

AND I HAD A THOUGHT THAT...

KILLING HIM... WOULD ONLY BE A MEANS FOR ME TO PASS THIS "BATON OF MALICE" ON TO ANOTHER PERSON.






EIJI URA-SHIMA... HE...

HAD ANY *HATE* TOWARDS KYOKA YUKIMURA.
HE NEVER ONCE...

EVEN WHEN HE WAS BE-TRAYED...

WHEN HE WAS HURT...

HE STILL WASN'T...

...

I DON'T KNOW IF ME NOT KILLING KIICHI URASHIMA...

WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO OR NOT.

BUT...

WHAT I DO KNOW FOR CERTAIN...

IS THAT EIJI URA-SHIMA'S ACTIONS...

WERE NOT DRIVEN BY *MALICE;*

THEY WERE NOT DRIVEN BY *RESENTMENT,* EITHER...

I KNOW ONLY THAT HIS ACTIONS, DRIVEN BY PURE LOVE FOR KYOKA YUKIMURA...

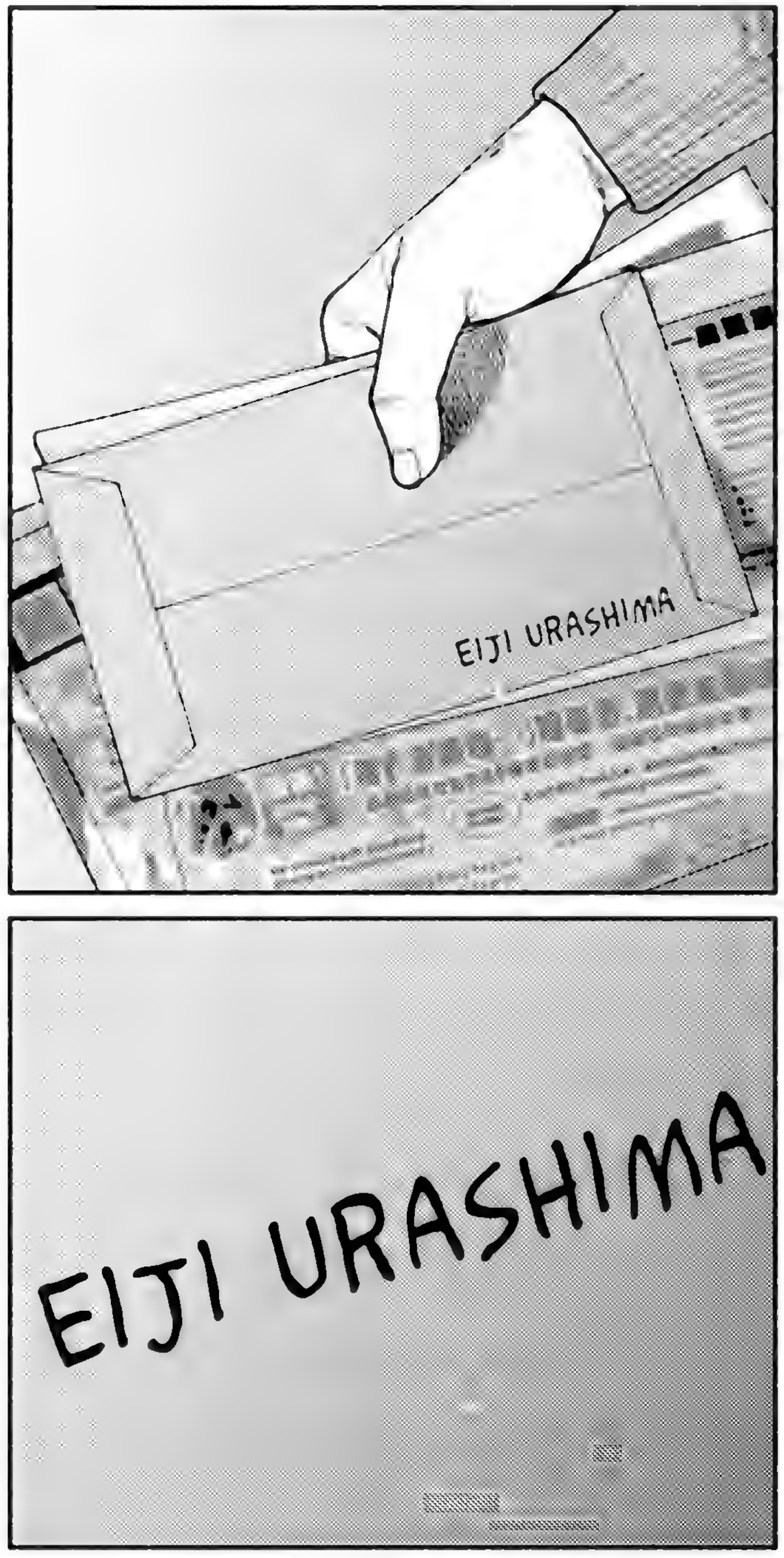
HAVE CHANGED HER.

I CAN'T JUDGE WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG...

I DON'T KNOW THAT.

BUT...

I CAN SAY THAT I HAVE NO REGRETS.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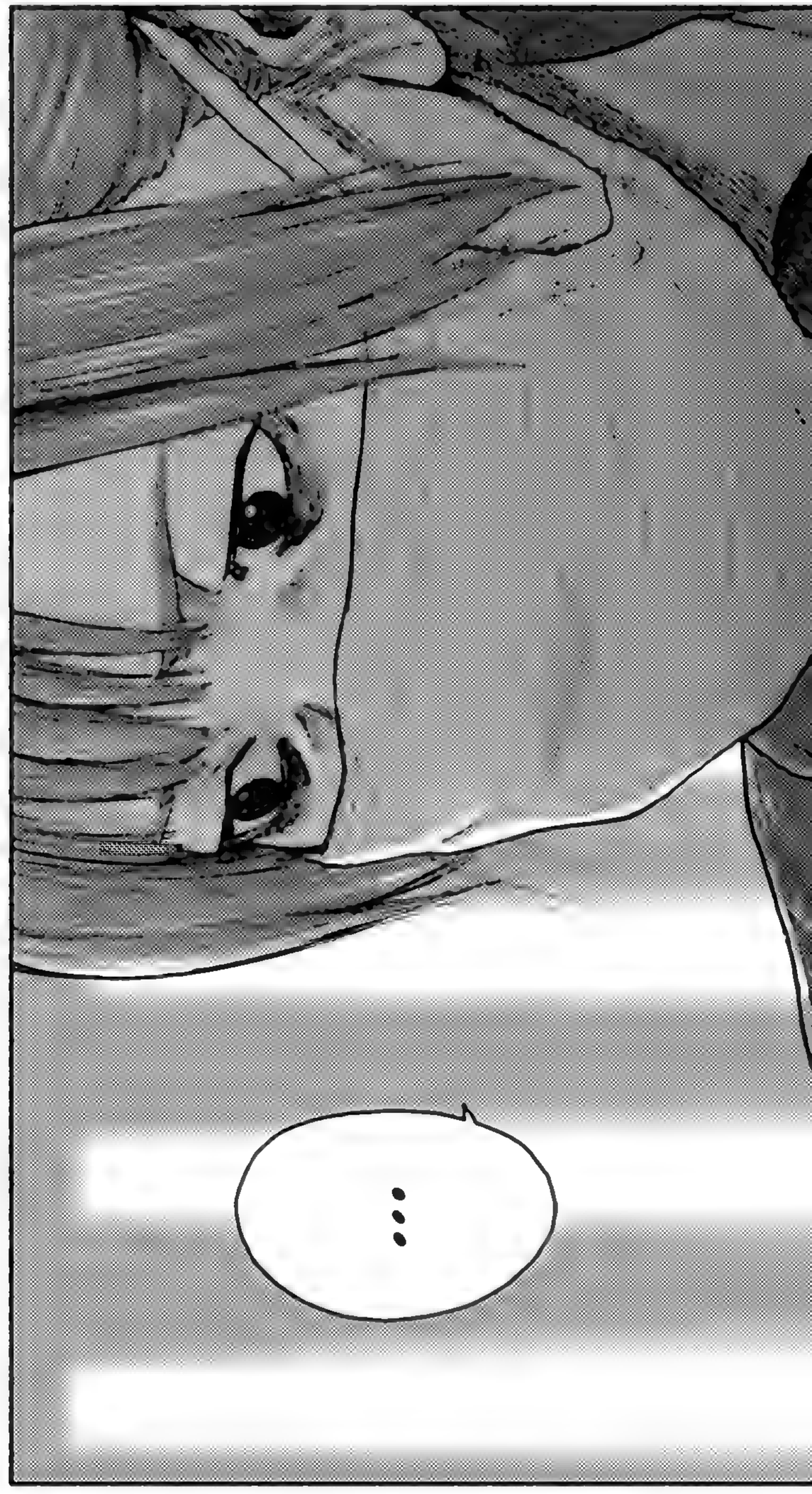
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I really want to apologize to you and that's why I decided to write you this letter.

was my fault that you and Oto-san were both gged into this mess. I have ruined both of your

I'm going to work hard for the rest of my life to make up for everything I've done and to earn your and Oto-nee-san's forgiveness.

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URASHIMA
SENTENCE

A quick conclusion to the LL Murders that spanned sixteen years

CHICURA DEATH SENTENCE

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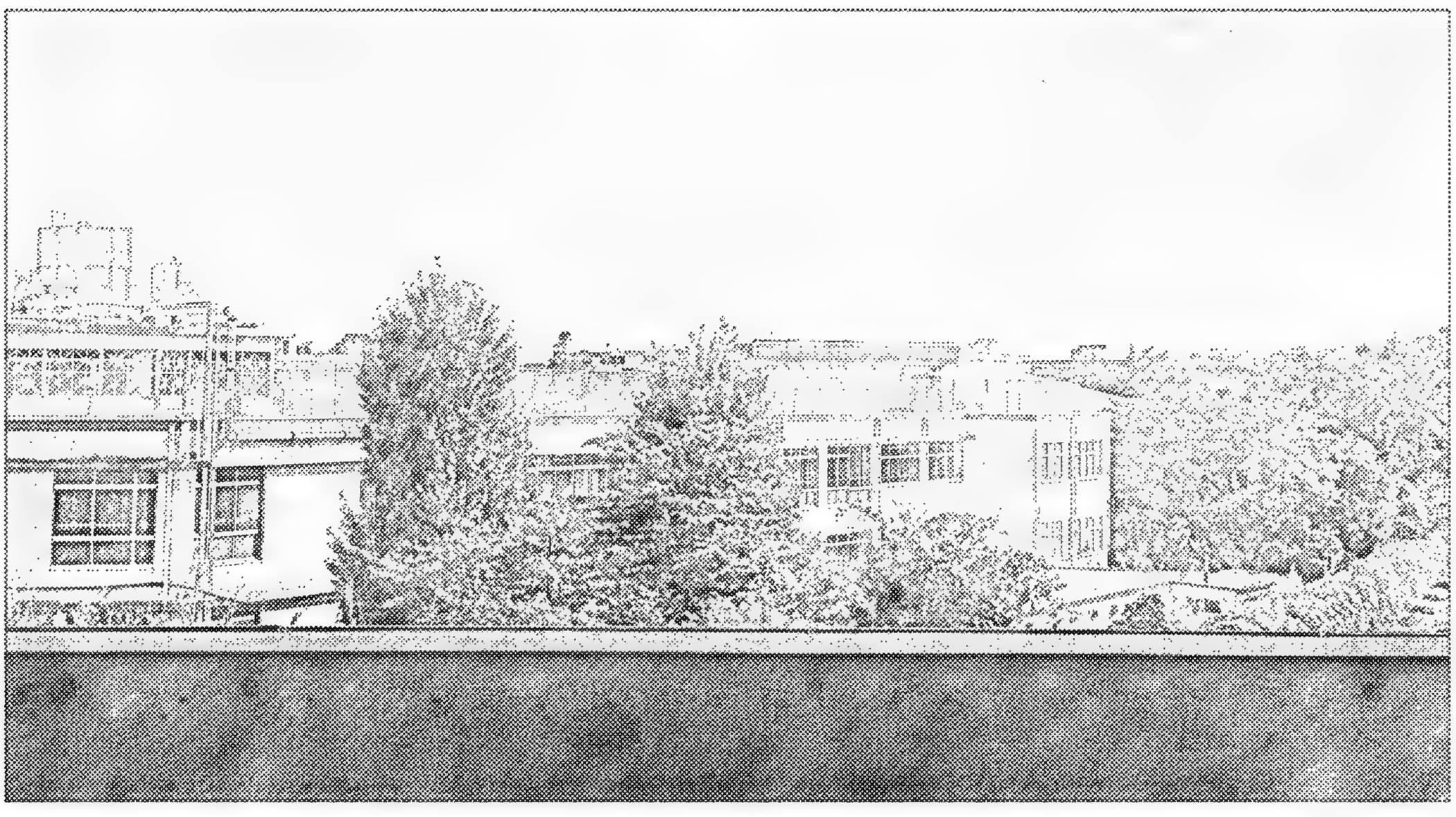

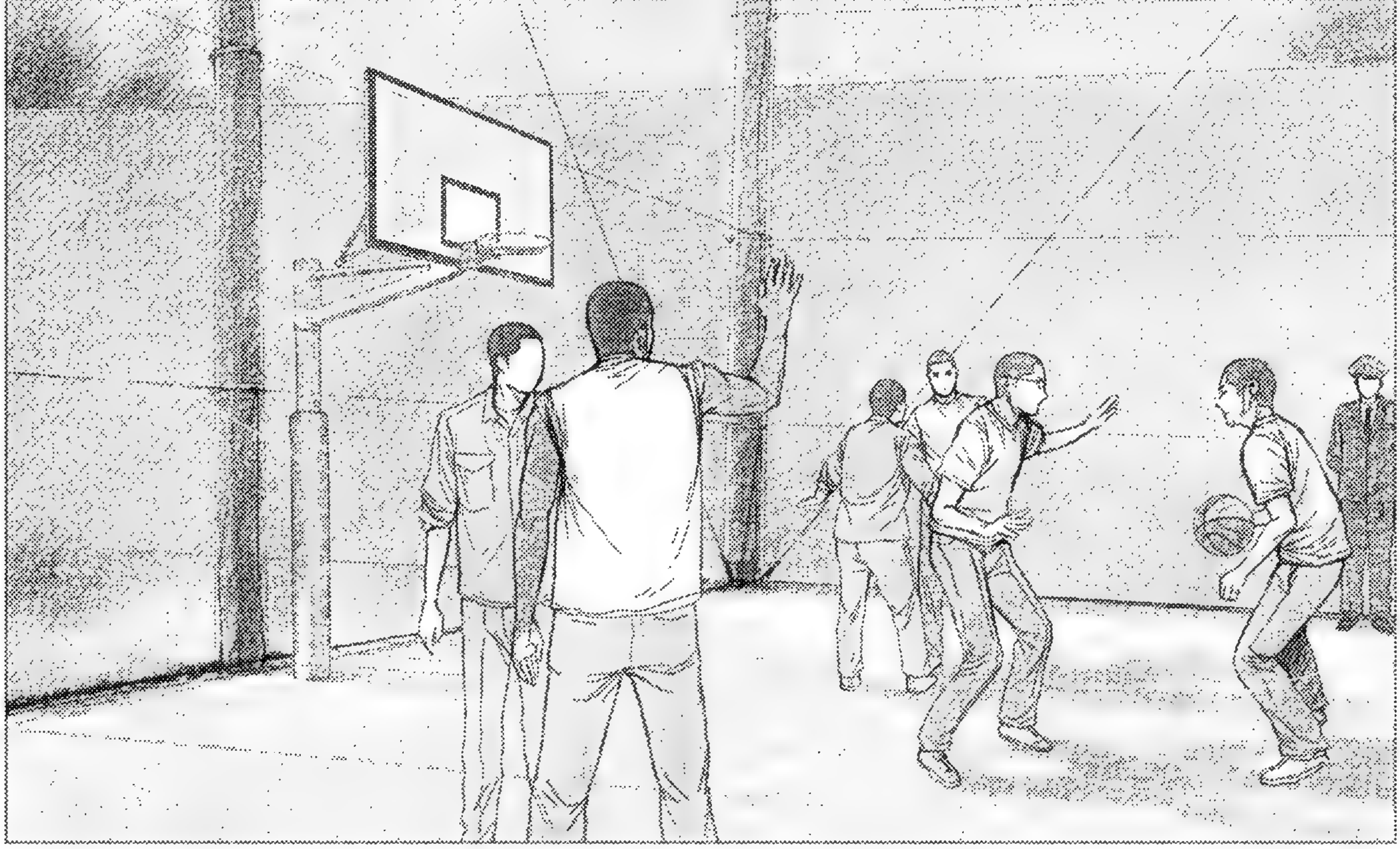

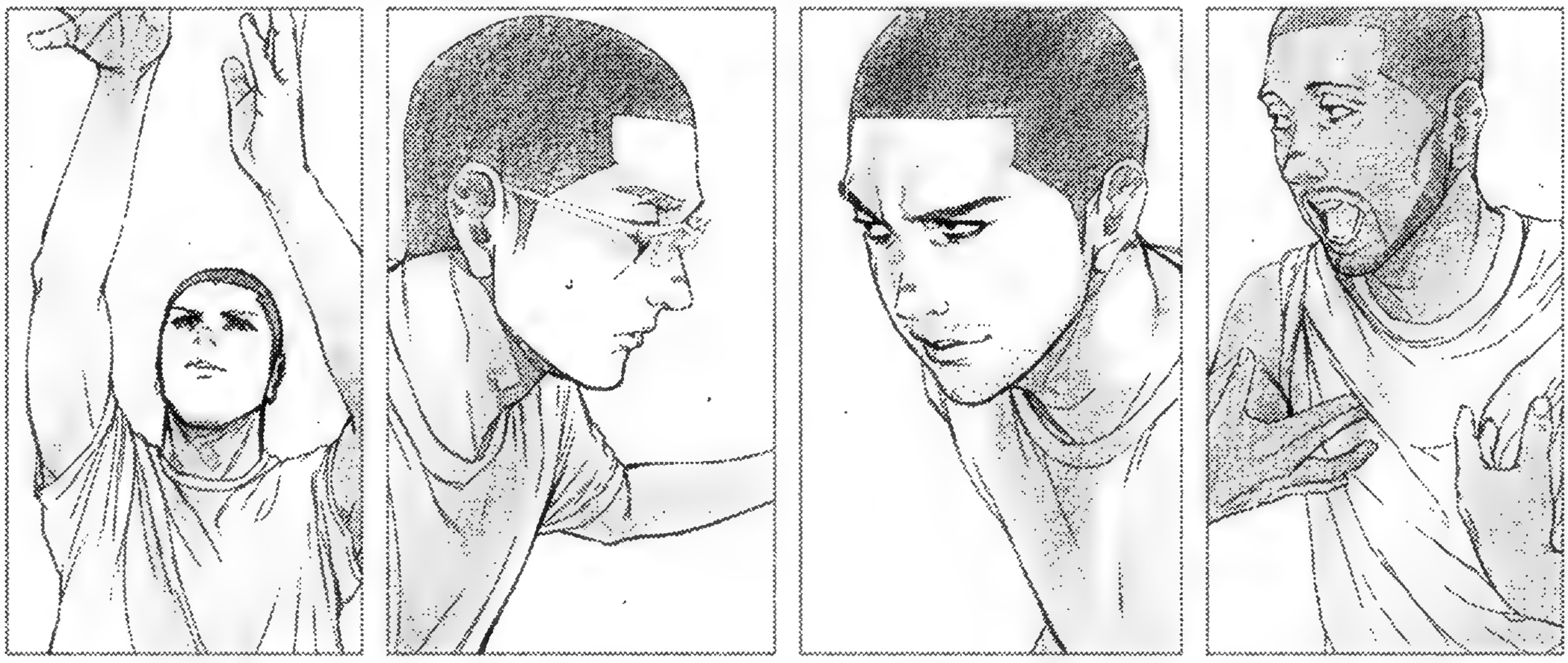

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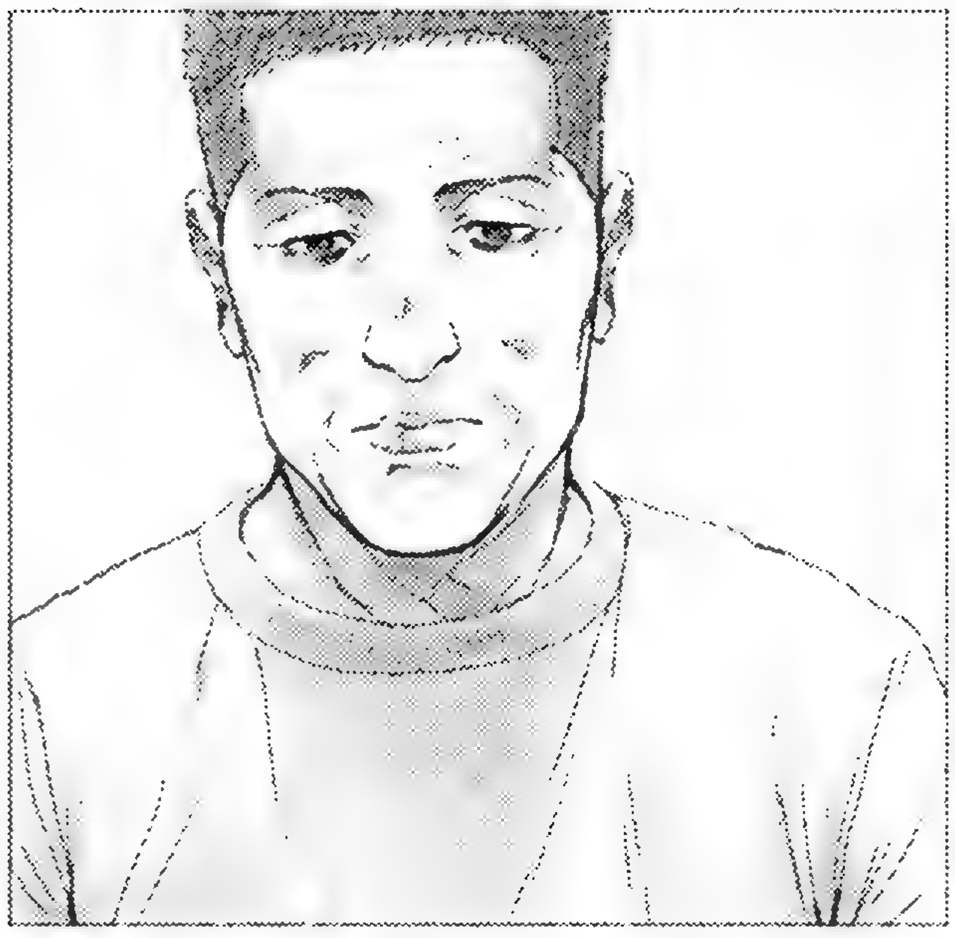

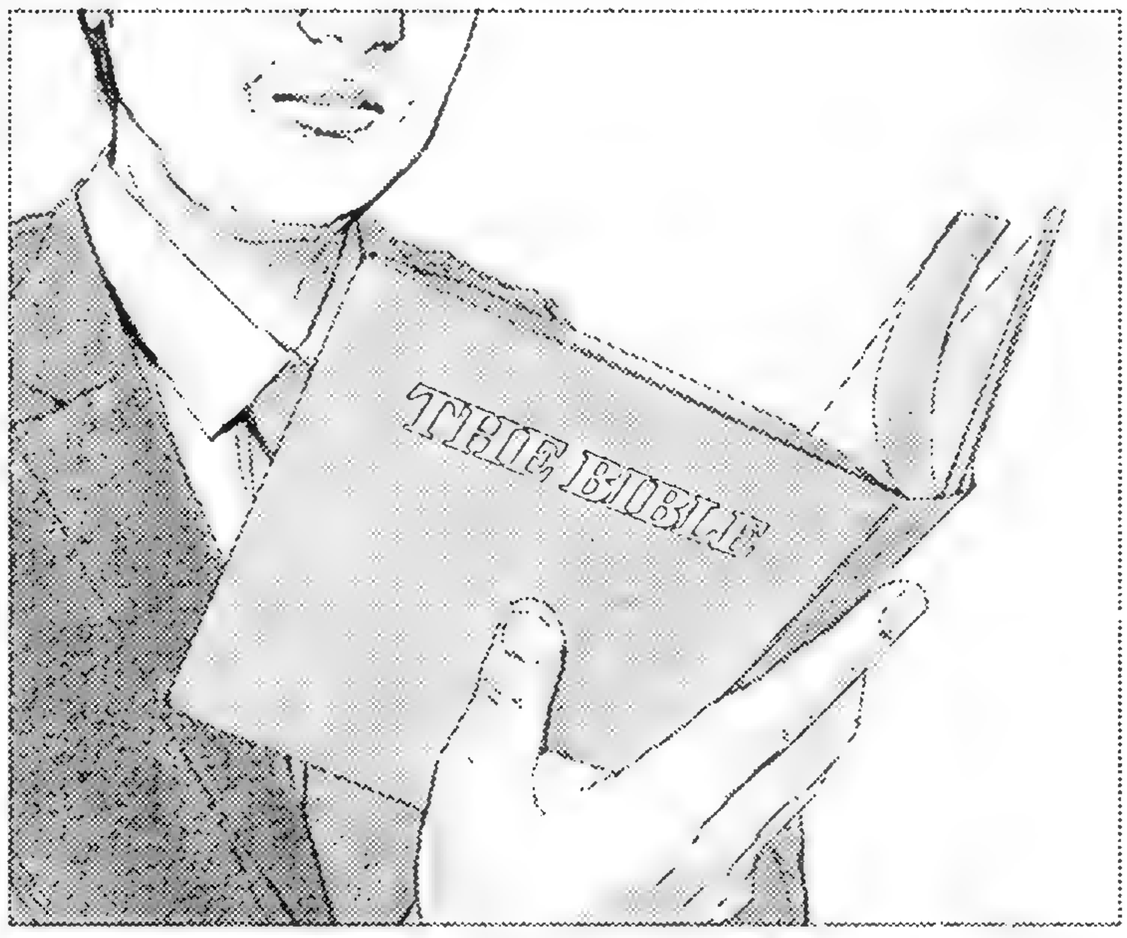
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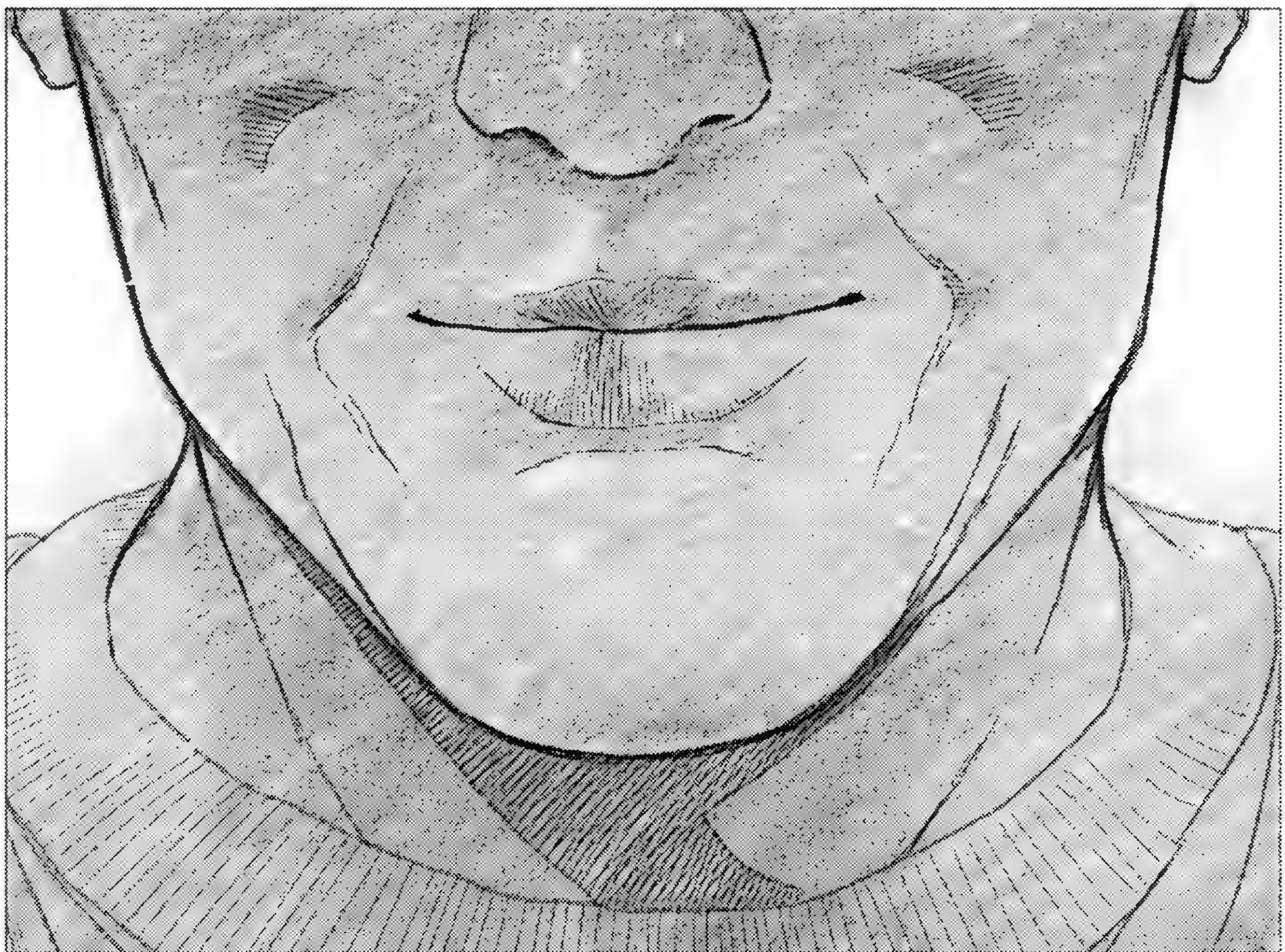
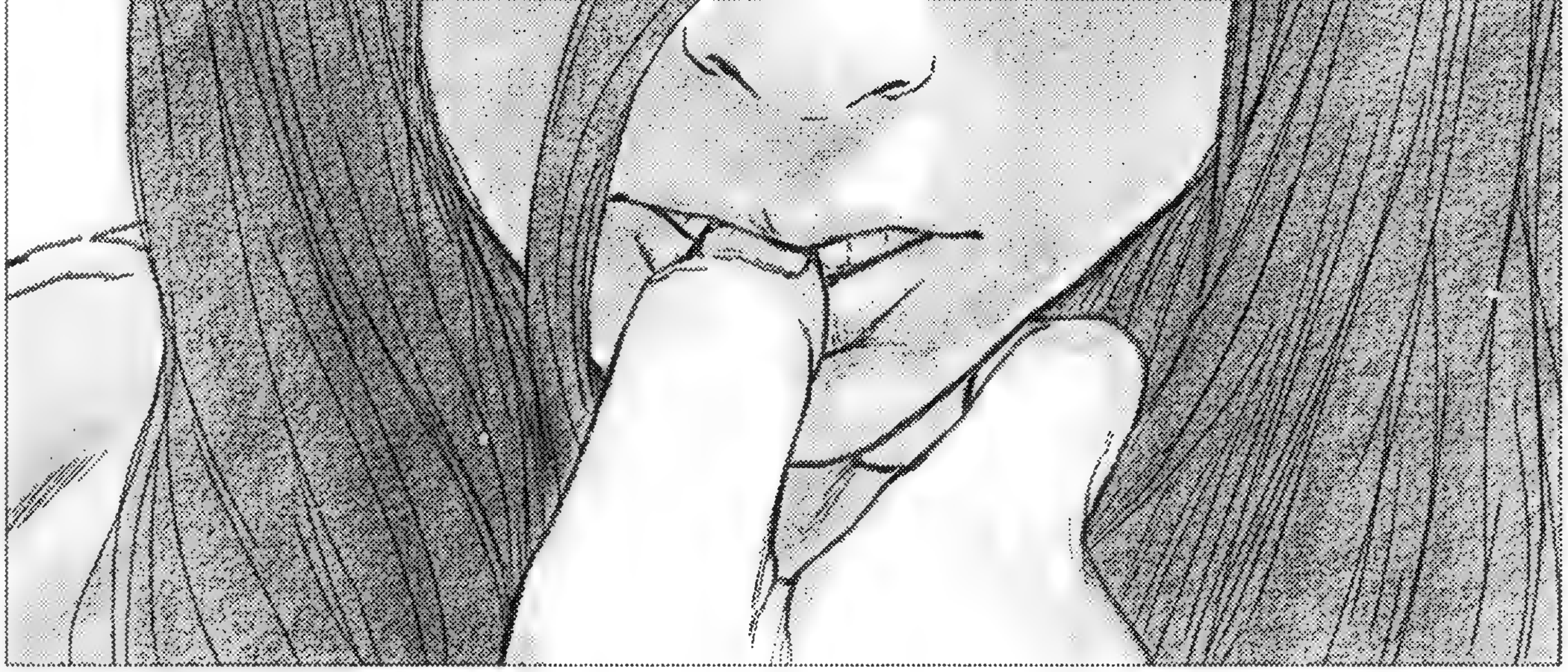
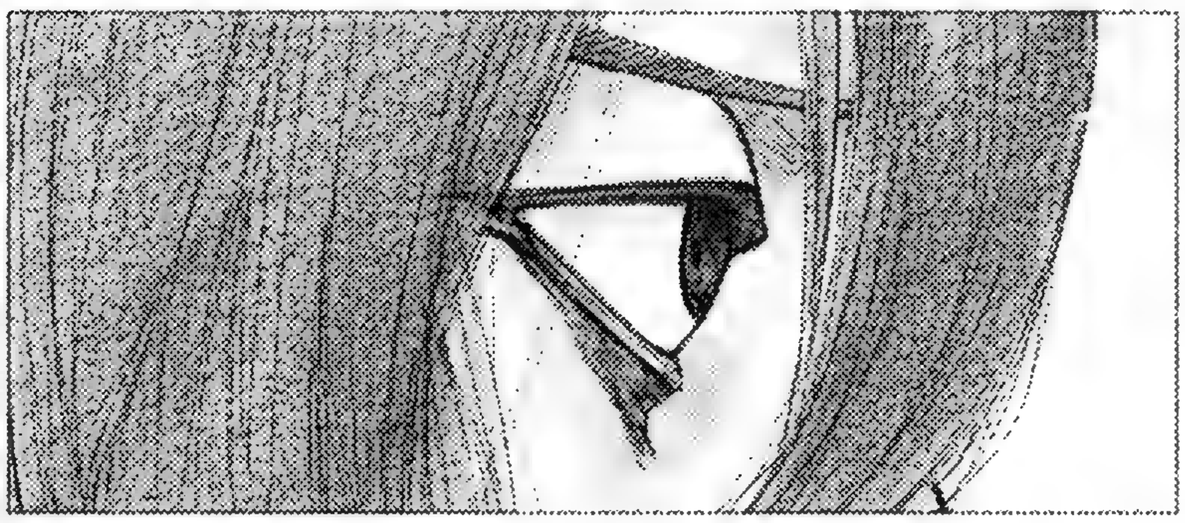
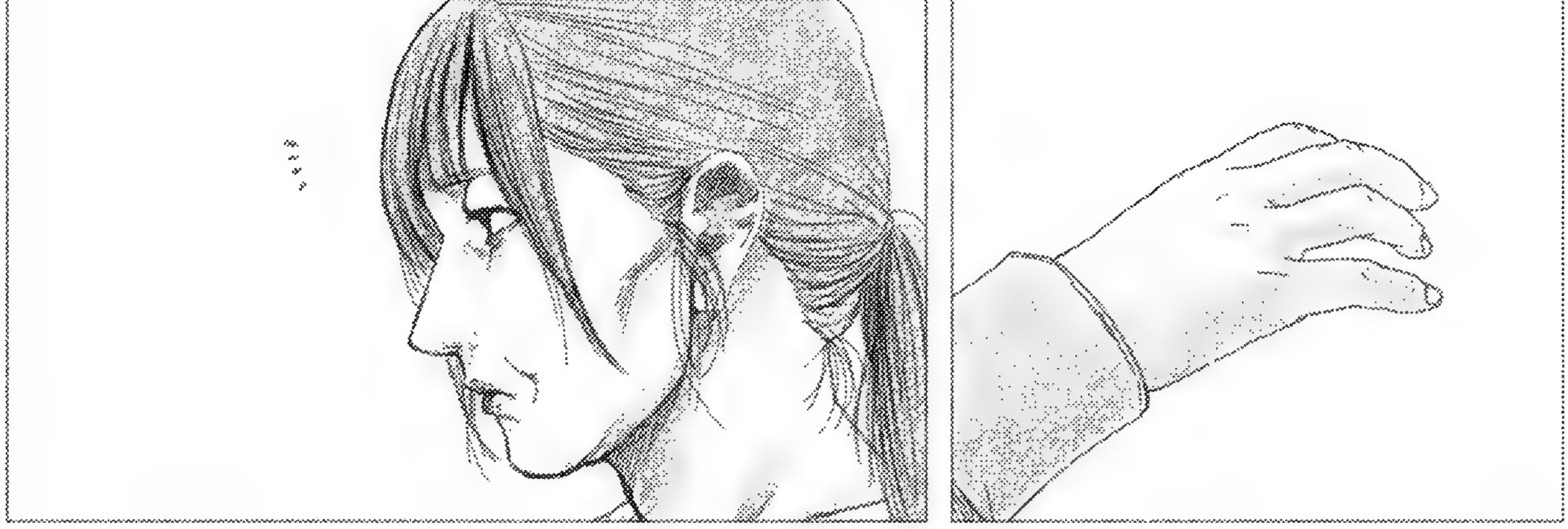
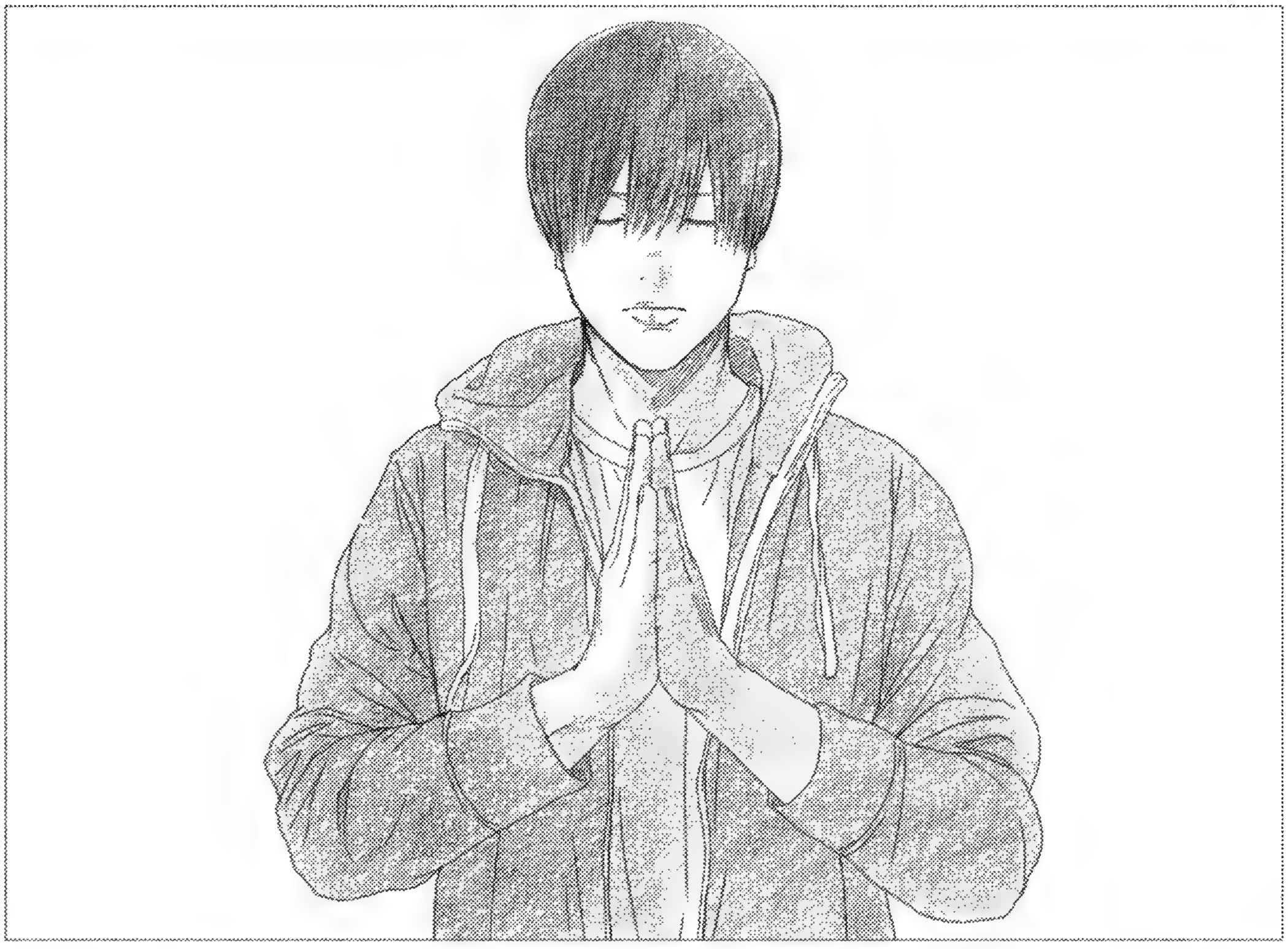


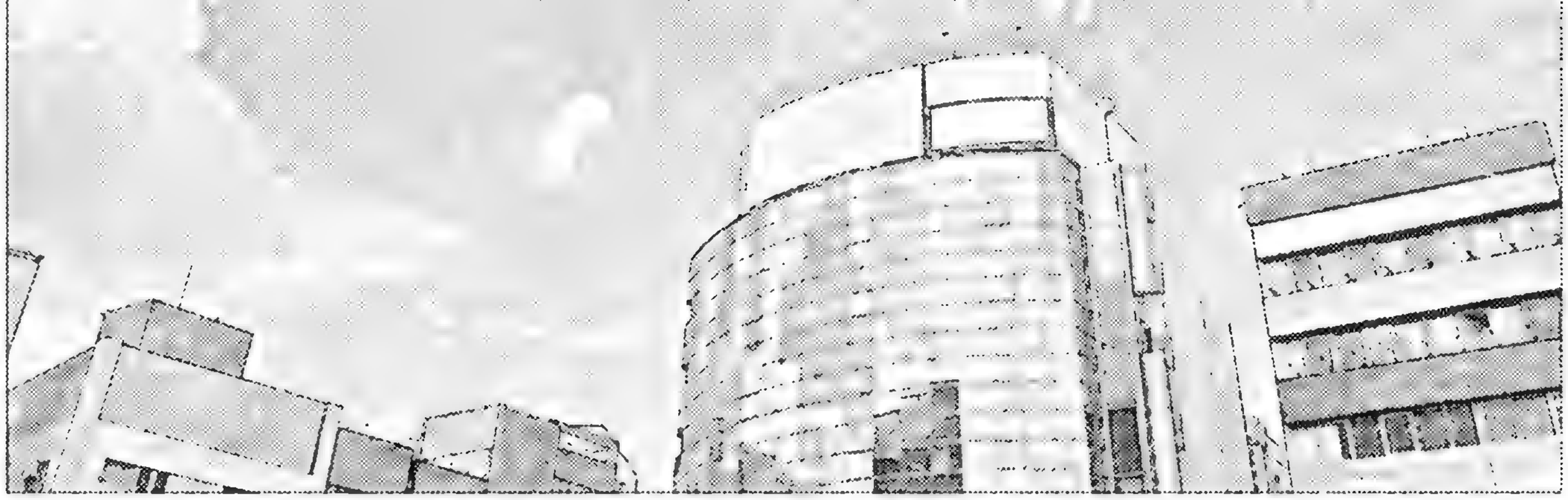


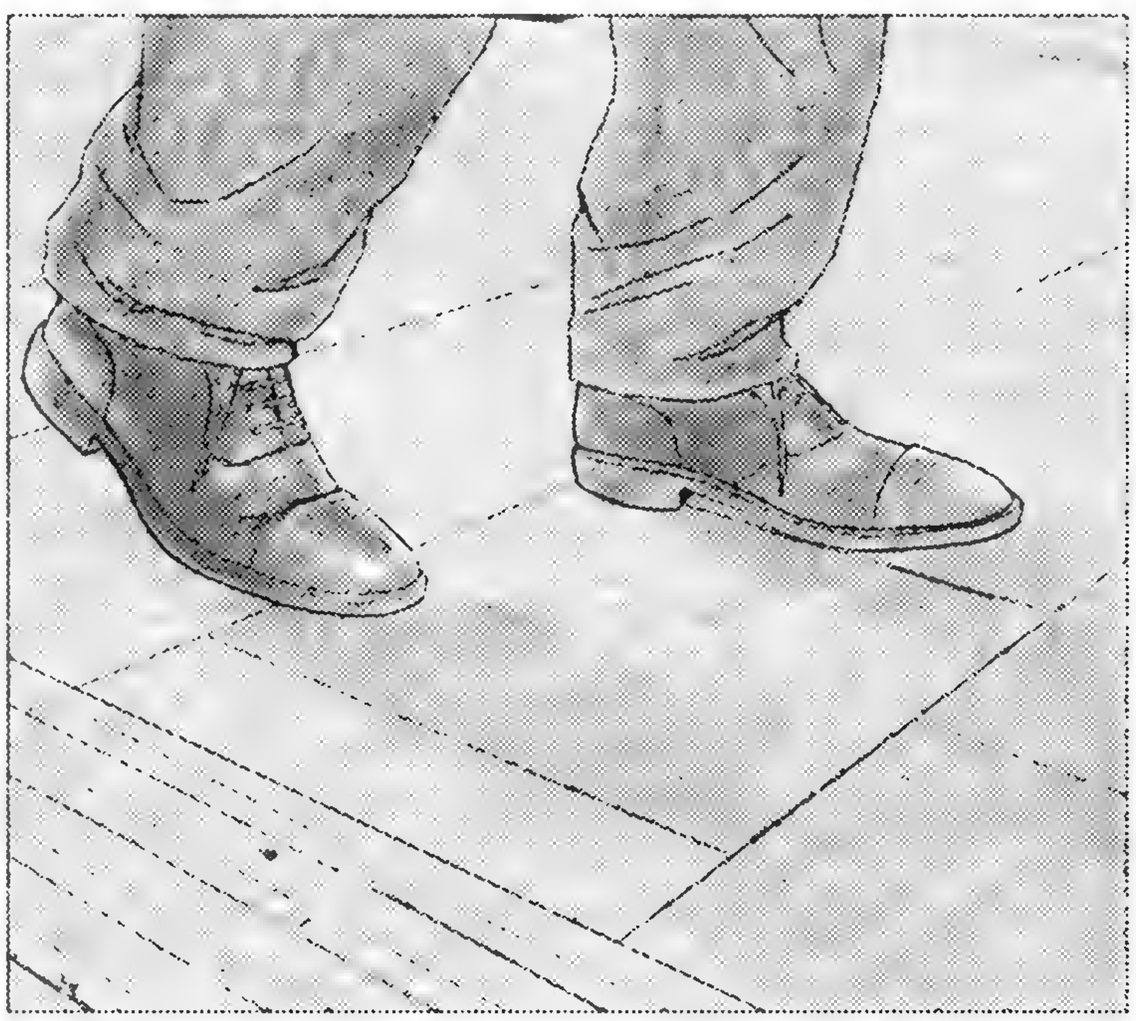


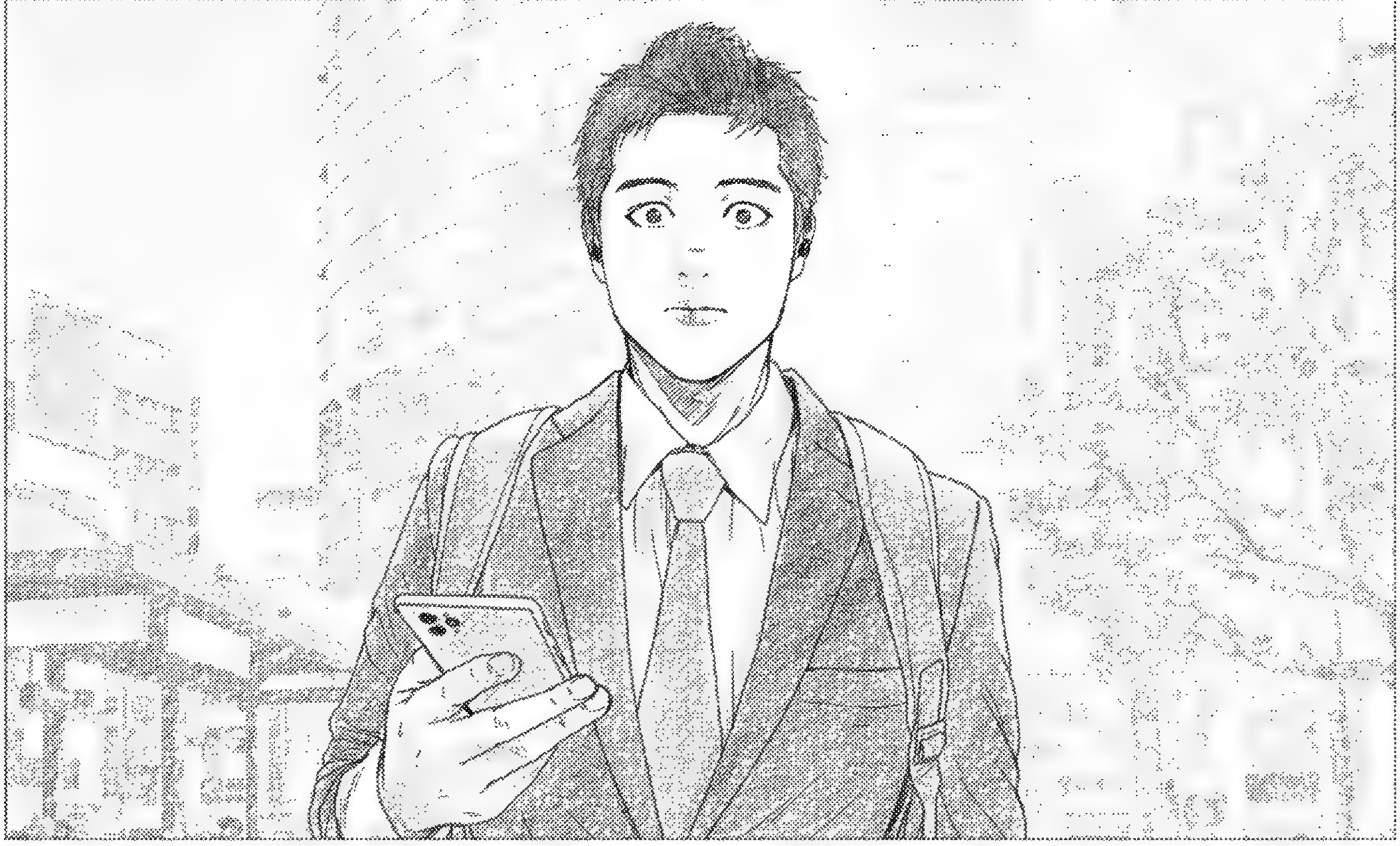




I'LL COME BY AGAIN.
I'M GOING NOW...
八木家
HACHINOI
HACHINOI FAMILY GRAVE







DON'T JUST IGNORE ME!
AT LEAST GIVE ME A NOD, DAMN IT!
WHOA ...
WAIT, HOLD UP!

BUT LISTEN UP! I GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY TO YA!
FINE, WHAT-EVER.

I STILL...

HAVEN'T ENTIRELY FORGIVEN YOU YET!

I NEVER CARED ABOUT ANY OF THAT AND I STILL ALWAYS THOUGHT OF EIJI AS A FRIEND!!

THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE ALL THAT SHIT!

AND I GIVE NO SHITS ABOUT THAT LL MURDER OR WHAT-EVER!

I DON'T CARE ***WHAT*** HAPPENED TO YOU GROWIN' UP!

BUT I WILL...

NEVER FORGET ABOUT WHAT YOU DID...

TO MY BEST PAL, EIJI!!

I KNOW.

I MEAN...

ERR...

BUT...

WELL...

TO MAYBE FORGIVE YOU ONE DAY.

I WENT OFF ON YA, BUT...

I'LL STILL TRY MY HARDEST...

EIJI WOULD PROBABLY WANT ME TO DO THAT ANYWAY.

SEE YA LATER.

HELLO?

RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING

WE'VE GOT A JOB.

THE CASE SOUNDS COMPLI-CATED.

I'LL NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN.

You're a slave-driver.

B1

YOU STILL OWE ME. *A LOT.*

Again ...?

...

Your voice is a lot *peppier* than usual.

So, did something good happen to you?

HEY, URASHIMA!

YOU WANNA GRAB LUNCH WITH US?

NO WAY. GOOD THINGS NEVER HAPPEN TO ME.

I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE.

My Dearest Self With Malice Aforethought
END

EXTRA

Looking back at our serialization journey, I realized that even such a helpless half-ass such as myself can finish a project like this. It's all thanks to all the patient staff in the editorial department, Ito-sensei's stunning art, and the clever (fixes on the) storyboard. I want to borrow this space to express my gratitude for everyone's help and participation. And above it all, I want to thank the readers for sticking with the story all the way to the end. Readers are what gives power to our works. Thanks to everyone, we finally managed to pass the finish line. I even got to rebuild my home, too. I now secretly call it "My Dear Palace."

Hajime Inoryu

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING TO THE END!!

THIS WAS MY FIRST SERIALIZATION. I DIDN'T KNOW LEFT FROM RIGHT, TOP FROM BOTTOM, BUT THESE TWO YEARS JUST FLEW BY.

HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING VISUAL LIFE TO THIS WONDERFUL STORY AND TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO THESE CHARACTERS HAVE GIVEN ME A LOT OF EXPERIENCE AS AN ARTIST AND I'VE LEARNED A LOT. "MY DEAREST SELF WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT" WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE IN MY HEART. I WOULD BE THRILLED IF THIS STORY ALSO BECOMES SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU AS WELL.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

I HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOMEWHERE ELSE!!

MY DEAREST THANKS TO EVERYONE,

Shota Ito

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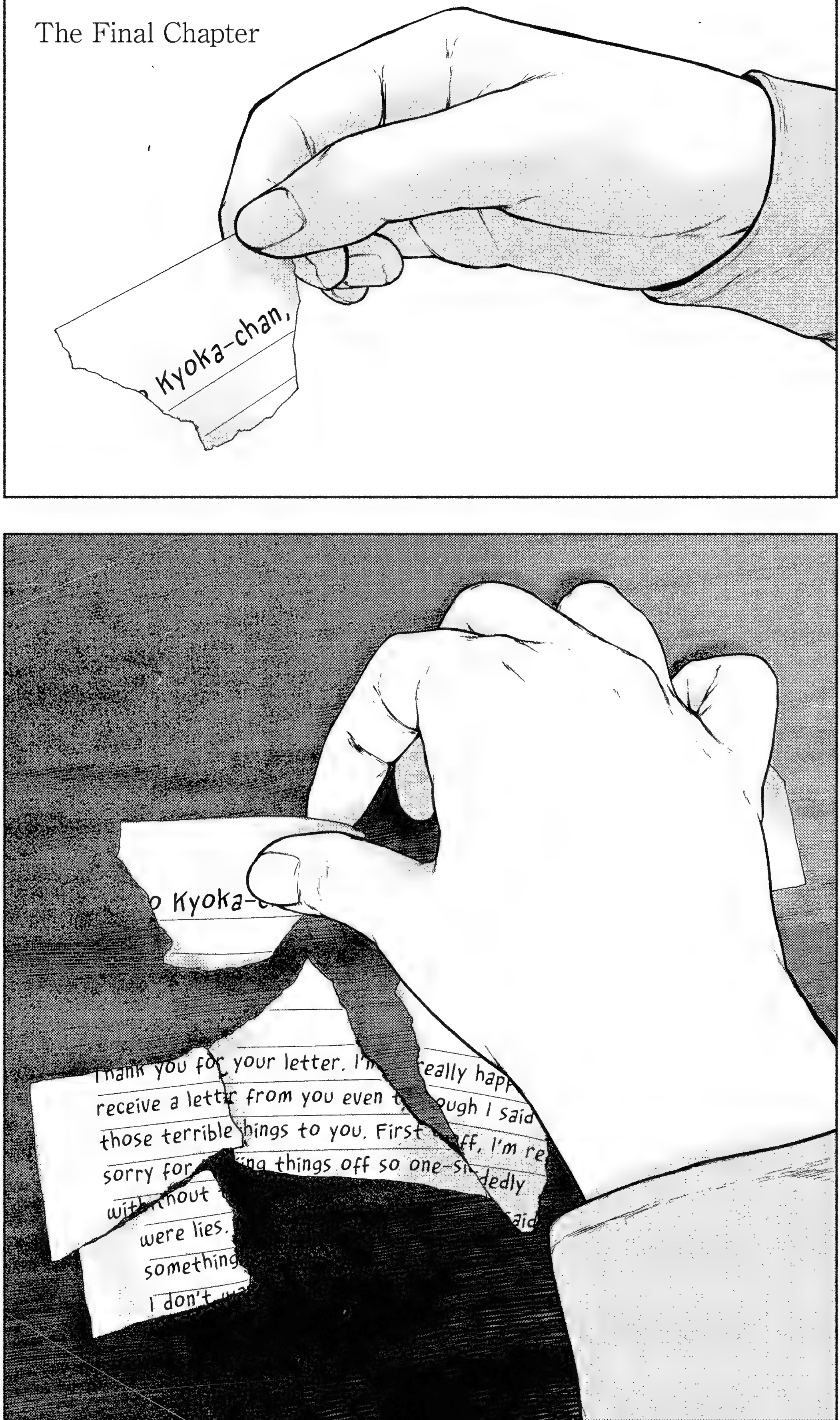
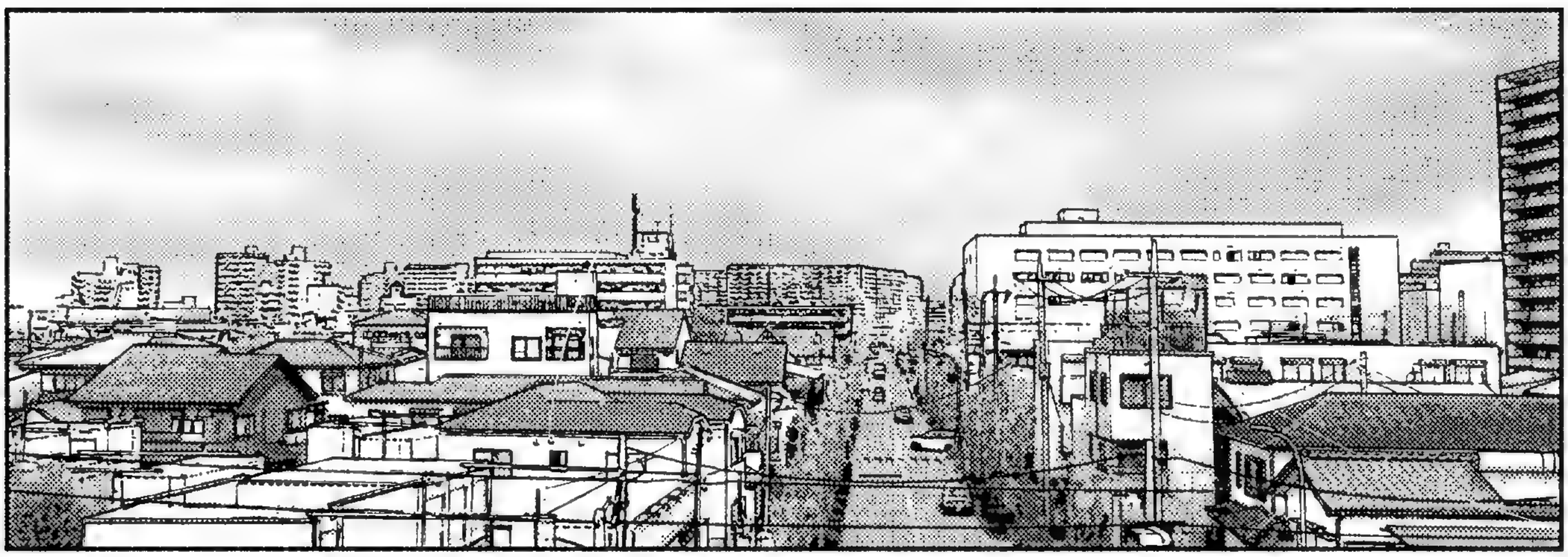


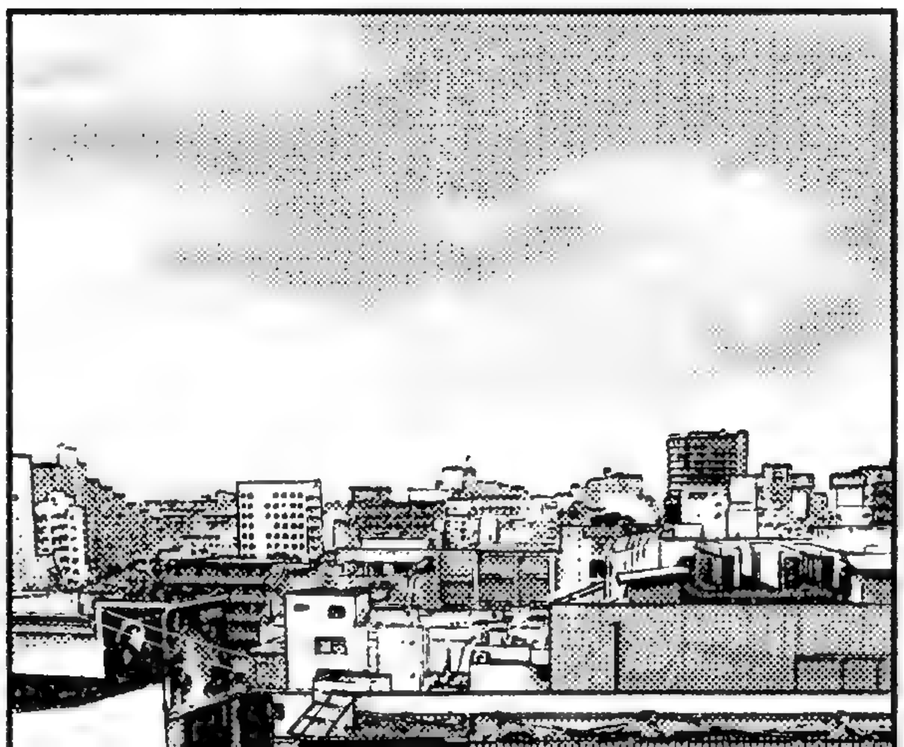
IT SMELLS SO SWEEEEET!

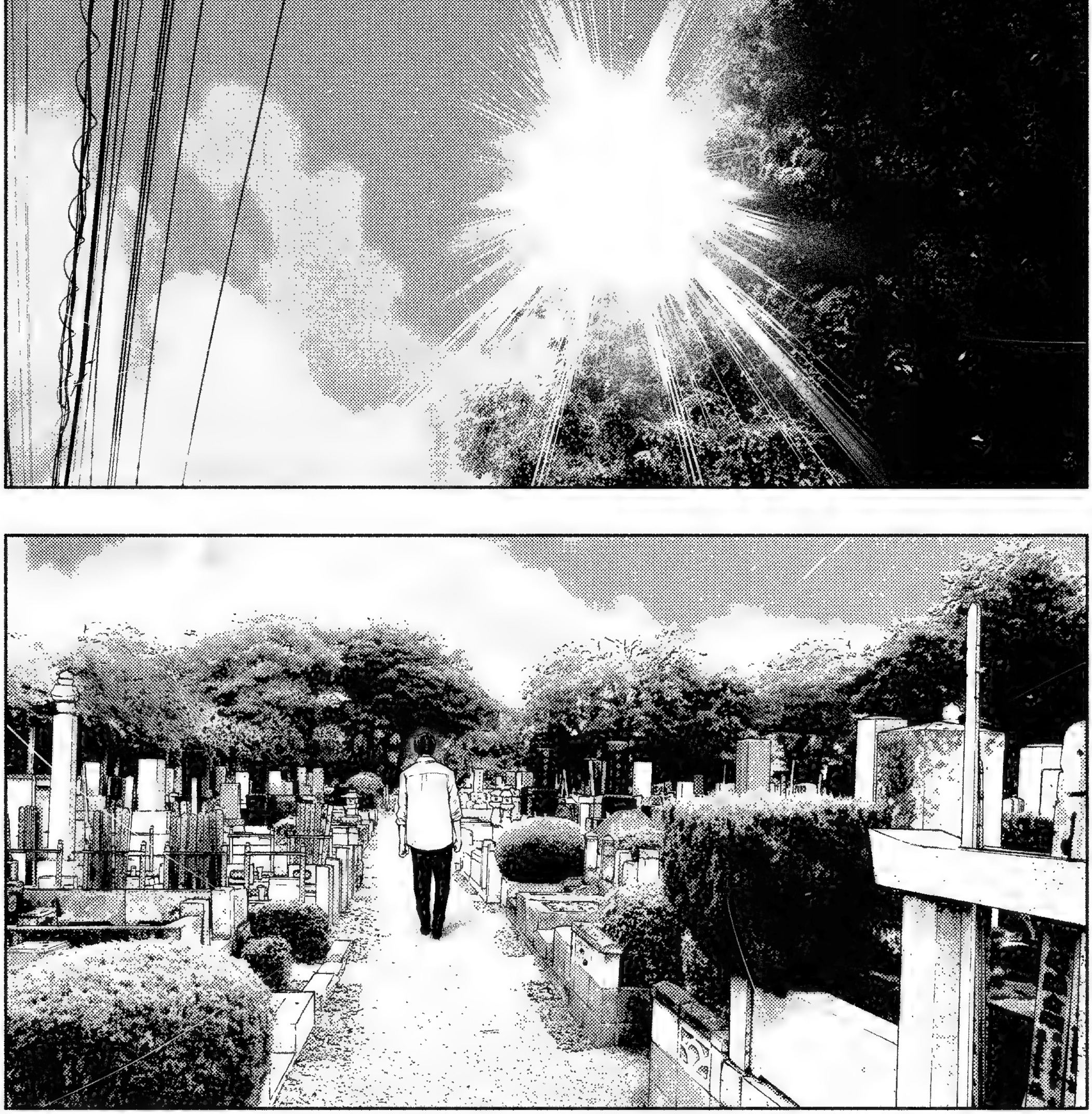
MOMMY, WHAT'S THIS FLOWER?

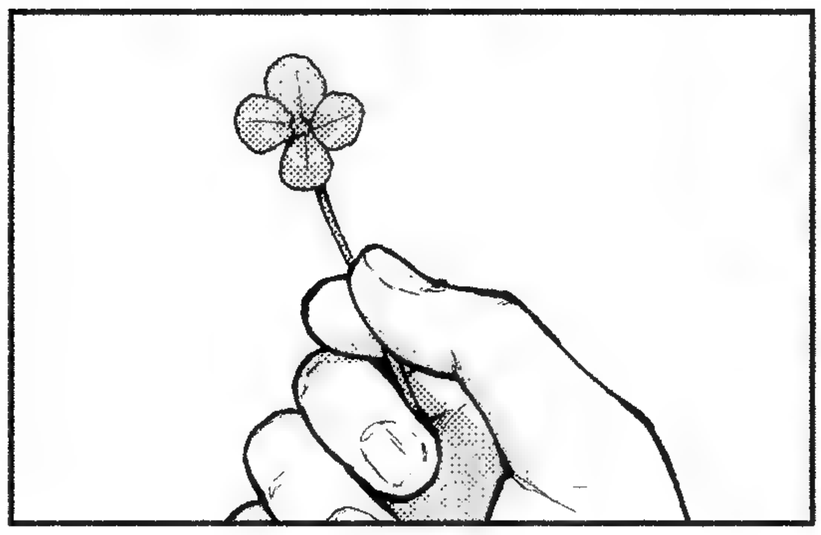
THEY'RE CALLED SWEET OSMANTHUS.

IT SMELLS GOOD, DOESN'T IT?

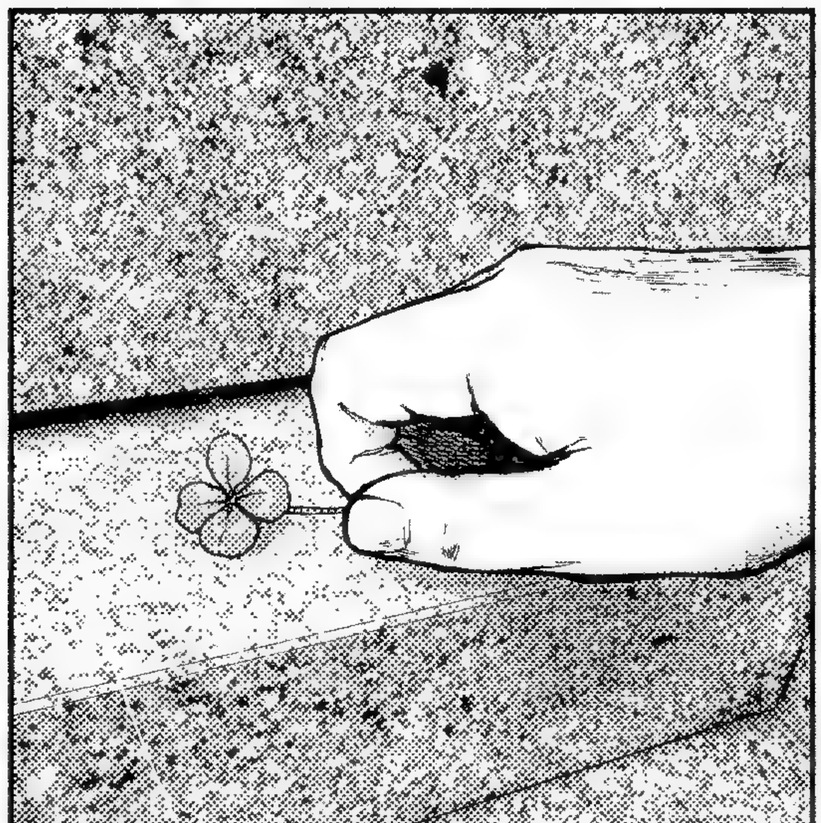








HAYASHI FAMILY GRAVE



IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS. HOW ARE YOU LIKING THE AIR IN THE FREE WORLD?

YOU'VE GOT WAY TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR HANDS.

IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING, GIVE ME A RING.

SHINMYOJI DETECTIVE AGENCY

CEO REI SHINMYOJI

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B1...

AGAIN, YOU'VE GOT WAY TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR HANDS.

IT'S TO CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM.

DON'T SCARE ME...

...

TSK.

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?

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THERE'S SOME KIND OF TELL THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT, RIGHT?

THERE WAS SOMETHING OFF WITH THE WAY I ACTED SURPRISED.

OH, WAIT...

LET ME GUESS.

THIS IS A TICK THAT EVEN B1 DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT.

YOU HAVE A HABIT OF TOUCHING YOUR EARLOBE WHEN YOU GET SURPRISED.

I SEE...

EIJI IS...

STILL ALIVE...

INSIDE...
YOU...

The Final Chapter END